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Lillian Sorensen, 88

Aug. 1, 1905 - Feb. 24, 1994

Harlan - Lillian Irene Sorensen, daughter of Thomas and Anine Berger Langland was born Aug. 1, 1905 in Polk Township, Shelby County. She died Feb. 24, 1994 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 88 years, six months and 23 days. After the death of her father when she was six years old, she and her mother and sister continued to reside on the farm where she attended rural Polk #7 school. At age 12 she was baptized in the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church. In 1919, they moved to Harlan and she and her mother joined the Danish Baptist Church. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1923. She then taught school for a total of 25 years, 12 in Shelby County and 13 in Co. Bluffs Schools.

Nov. 27, 1935, she married Lloyd A. Sorensen. After their marriage, they lived in Harlan until 1958, when they moved to Co. Bluffs. There she joined the First Baptist Church where she was a member for 27 years and enjoyed singing in the church choir. After returning to Harlan to make her home, she became a member of the First Baptist Church. She enjoyed writing letters to many people as well as her hobbies of tatting and making afghans and she gave away many items that she made.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd, a daughter LoRayne Welsh and a sister, Vernie Vinding. She is survived by three daughters, Jeanette (Earl) Young of Houston, TX; Val (Tony) Manzo of Omaha; and Beverly (Robert) Vigue of West Salem, WI; her sons, Duane F. Rold of Bend OR; Dewey D. Sorensen of El Cajon, CA; Galen Sorensen of Harlan; and Randall Sorensen of Omaha; 18 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Gladys (Gene) Hansen of Harlan; her Aunt, Alice Kalas of La Mars; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, 1994 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Jeff Nelsen of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Roy Lara, Clint Cave, Paul Mitchell, Lowell Sorensen, Tom Todd, and Steven Fiscus casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.