

Velma Sorensen, 82 *(Ejner)*

HARLAN - Velma Ruth Sorensen, the daughter of Leroy and Orpha (Dunnington) Wilcox was born April 16, 1907, on a farm west of Harlan. She died Aug. 25, 1989 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 82 years, four months and nine days. She attended school in Tennant, graduating in the class of 1925. Feb. 1, 1927, she married Ejner M. Sorensen at her parents' home near Tennant. They were the parents of six children and were privileged to celebrate 51 happy years together.

After their marriage, they farmed near Shelby and later near Marne. In 1950, they moved back to the Shelby area, and shortly thereafter moved to Lakewood, CO. In 1952, they moved to a home in Wheat Ridge, CO. After the death of Ejner on April 17, 1978, she returned to Harlan and this has been her home since that time. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan, and enjoyed playing in the Westridge Kitchen Band.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Joan Sorensen; a brother, Gordon Wilcox; a sister, Alice Lyons; and a grandson, Brion Sick. Surviving her are three sons, Alvin Sorensen of Denver, CO.; Howard Sorensen of Underwood; and Marvin Sorensen of Golden, CO.; two daughters, Maxine (Mrs Wilbert) Sick of Shelby; and Carole Wasinger of Frederick, CO.; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Virgil and Eugene Wilcox both of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Stan Nielsen of the Shelby Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Shelby cemetery with Gary Lute, Wade Sick, Tammy Sick, Jon Sorensen, Keith Wasinger, Wayne Sorensen, Carmen Sorensen and Kenneth Wasinger serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.