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## Esther M. Stofferson, 93



**HARLAN** — Esther M. Stofferson, daughter of Peter A. and Mary Anderson Petersen, was born May 22, 1894 in Shelby county near Elk Horn and died July 16, 1987 at age 93 years at the Audubon County Memorial hospital in Audubon. She graduated from Harlan high school with the class of 1914 and taught rural school in Shelby county for a year.

On Feb. 16, 1916, she married Arthur L. Stofferson at her parents' home near Elk Horn. She was a life time resident of Shelby county until she moved to the Friendship Home in Audubon in Sept., 1986. Mr Stofferson died in 1981. She was a charter member of the First Baptist church in Harlan and active in the American Baptist Women.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband, were her parents; son-in-law, Lyle Hansen Sr.; brother, Harry Petersen; and sister, Edna Hansen. Survivors include her children: Dale L. Stofferson of Omaha; Enid (Mrs Robert F.) Smith of Rockwell City; Lorraine Hansen of Audubon; nine grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; three sisters, Clara Larsen and Erma Westphalen both of Elk Horn; and Vera Mitchell of Crawfordsville, IN; three brothers, Roland Petersen of Elk Horn; Floyd Petersen of Atlantic and Emery Petersen of Sonora, CA; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Leggett on July 18, 1987 at the First Baptist church in Harlan. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery. Casketbearers were Verl Arentson, Gene Arentson, Don Blakely, Donald Christensen, Emory L. Hansen and Woodrow Hansen. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon was in charge of arrangements.