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Mary E. Swensen, 86

Dec. 2, 1907 - May 10, 1994

Harlan - Mary Evelyn Swensen, daughter of Arthur and Nellie (Lawless) Rogers was born Dec. 2, 1907 at Harlan. She attended country school and graduated from Harlan High School.

Jan 18, 1926 she married Gottlieb Swensen at Winterset. Two sons were born to this union. After their marriage, they moved to a farm near Jacksonville until 1952 when they moved into Harlan. She was employed by the Myrtue Memorial Hospital for the next 29 years. After the death of her husband in July of 1964, she continued to make her home in Harlan. She died May 10, 1994 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, five months and eight days. She was a member of New Testament Baptist Church in Harlan and the New Testament Bible Study group.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her sons, Gaylord (Dorothy) Swensen of Carter Lake, and Levi (Jeanette) Swensen of Elk Horn; three granddaughters; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Bessie Rogers of Manilla and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 13, 1994 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Roger Crawford of Bethel Baptist church in Harlan officiating and Intern Pastor Robert Wullshleger assisting. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Darwin Swanson, Elmer R. Swenson, Adam Schechinger, Jake Schechinger, Elliott Svendsen and Chad Schechinger casket bearers.