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Leila J. Sander, 65

Oct. 17, 1934 - Aug. 19, 2000

HARLAN - Leila Jeanette Sander was born Oct. 17, 1934, to Elva Ingerslev (Miller) and Elmer Lauritsen at rural Kimballton. She was baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kimballton and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She was a member of the Harlan High School graduating class of 1953.

July 1, 1953, she married Carl Rhinehart Jensen at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parsonage in Harlan. To this union four children were born. The couple resided in Avoca. In 1965, Carl accepted a position with Jacobs Tool, and they moved to a farm near Kimballton. Carl died April 22, 1986.

Leila married James Lee Sander Sept. 28, 1991, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Following their wedding, the couple took up residence in Harlan. Leila liked to travel and was extensively involved with "EF" an organization devoted to foreign exchange students. In addition, she was a Lioness, a member of the Corley Community Club and V.F.W. Later in life she also worked as a home health aide and at the Harlan Community Library. She died Aug. 19, 2000, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City at age 65 years, 10 months and two days.

In addition to her parents and Carl, she was preceded in death by her brother, Lyle Lauritsen in 1989. She is survived by her husband, James Sander of Harlan; her children, Wade Jensen (Teresa) of Kimballton; Mitchell Jensen (Christine) of Roland; Angela (Richard) Olney of Rock Valley and Rhonda (Paul) Scott of Ames; stepdaughters, Karla (Steve) Mikkelsen of Harlan and Lori (James) Scheffler of Harlan; nine grandchildren; brother, Lynn Lauritsen (Judy) of Fairfield; and other relatives.

Burial of the cremated remains was held Aug. 23, 2000, at the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Following the burial, a memorial service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastors Jon Benson and Heather Becklin officiating. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

