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Frances Wigness, 84

July 2, 1918 - Oct. 2, 2002

HARLAN – Frances Adelpfia Christen Wigness, daughter of Jens Christian and Inger Marie (Johnson) Thogersen, was born July 2, 1918, in rural Kirkman. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She attended grade school at Park School and was a member of the Harlan High School Graduating Class of 1936.

March 26, 1939, she married Clifford Sanford Wigness in Harlan. He died April 14, 1973, in Harlan. She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died Oct. 2, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 84 years and three months.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Clifford Wigness; one sister, Marjorie Grosbeck; and two brothers, Nels Thogersen and Dolliver Thogersen. Survivors include two sons, Jerald (Linda) Wigness of Harlan and Gordon Wigness of Des Moines; two sisters, Mena Burmeister and Eleanor Bramer, both of Harlan; one brother, Raymond Thogersen of Lebanon, OR; two sisters-in-law, Lydia Thogersen of Stow, OH and Ruth Thogersen of Huxley; three grandchildren, Craig (Lisa) Wigness of Sullivan, IL; Cindy Wigness of Omaha, NE; and Denise (Troy) Christensen of Glendale, AZ; two great granddaughters, Ashlee Wigness of Omaha, NE and Kennedy Wigness of Bethany, IL; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 5, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Jon Benson and Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Casket bearers were David Thogersen, Wesley Andersen, James Burmeister, Philip Burmeister, Jerome Burmeister and Jon Burmeister. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.