



THE LIFE STORY OF —
**Mrs Homer
Allen, 85**

Harlan — Doris Mary Allen, daughter of William and Rosa Grant Hickman was born on a farm in Harrison county, Mo., on Sept. 5, 1892. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. Doris was a member of the Pleasant Valley Christian church, where she served as organist for many years.

On Dec. 14, 1911, she married Homer Allen at her parent's home near Ridgeway, Mo. Three children were born to his union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Allen farmed near Ridgeway until 1933. They then moved to a farm in Nodaway County, Mo., and this was their home until 1936 when they moved to a farm in Shelby county. In 1942, they moved into Harlan, and stayed there until moving to Bethany, Mo. in 1947. They returned to Harlan in 1952 and made their home at 1311 Durant St. This has been her home since that time.

Mrs Allen died at Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital in Co. Bluffs, on Wednesday, May 3, 1978 at age 85 years, 7 months and 28 days. While in Harlan, Doris has been active in the United Methodist Women and was presently an honorary member of the Martha Circle.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Elgin Hickman and by a sister, Inez Slatten. Her survivors include her husband, Homer of Harlan; two sons, Keith Allen of Avoca and Ted Allen of Harlan; a daughter, Loree Allen of Harlan; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren; by a brother, Hollis Hickman of Sedalia, Mo.; two sisters, Georgia (Mrs John Deshler) of King City, Mo. and Neva (Mrs Harry Foutch) of St. Joseph, Mo.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Saturday, May 6 1978 with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Jack Lewis, Fred Louis, Horace Hall, Wayne A. Lytle, Reese E. Laughlin and Francis L. Peterson serving as casketbearers.