

The Life Story of --

Mrs Ella J. Andersen, 66

Ella Julia Andersen, daughter of Mathida Hansen and John Harmsen was born Jan. 30, 1909 at Hancock. She died Febr. 16, 1975 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, at age 66 years and 16 days. Mrs Andersen was educated in the Hancock school and in 1929 married Clarence Bussow; to this union two children were born - Dale Bussow of Littleton, Colo., and Mrs Alice (James P.) Jacob of Portuguese Bend, Calif. They farmed in the Walnut vicinity until her husband's death in 1953. She then worked in the Atlantic hospital until 1955 when she was married to Charlie Kock; they resided in Harlan until Mr Kock's death in 1960. Ella married Lawrence Andersen at Atlantic in 1963 and spent her remaining years in Harlan. She was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran church.

Mrs Andersen was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers - Emil and Lawrence Harmsen and one step son - Orville Andersen. Survivors include her husband - Lawrence, two brothers - Herman Harmsen of Harlan and Martin Harmsen of Perry, two sisters - Mrs Rosie Christensen and Mrs Harlow Butcher, both of Norfolk, Nebr., six step children - Marvin Andersen of Kirkman, Charles, Arthur and Levi Andersen of Harlan, Mrs Darwin Warner of Avoca and Mrs Jack Miles of St. Louis, Mo.; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, 25 step-grandchildren and 21 step-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Febr. 20, 1975 at Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan, with Pastor Clifford Nelson of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Ivan Lee, Kenneth Lee, Herbert Craney, Arnold Andersen, William Janssen and Alfred Christensen serving as casket bearers.