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Lena Channon, 91

Lena Mathilda Channon, daughter of Karen Marie Nielsen and Christian Jensen Aaen was born Jan. 28, 1892, in Shelby co. She attended rural school in Shelby and Audubon counties. Her family moved to Withee, Wisc., where she attended college at Stevens Point, Wisc. She later taught school for a number of years in Audubon county.

On Sept. 22, 1914, she married Ralph Waldo Channon at Des Moines and to this union three daughters were born. They farmed near Exira for many years before retiring to Exira in 1944.

Her later years she has been a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, has resided with her daughter Thelma Sampson in Exira and the past 15 months at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. She died at the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Thursday, May 19, 1983, at the age of 91 years, 3 months and 21 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ralph in 1957, four brothers: James, Nels, Marius and Otto; four sisters, Hannah Simonsen, Dagmar Phippen and two in infancy. She is survived by three daughters, Marie, Mrs Emmert Mushrush of Harlan, Thelma, Mrs Ernest C. Sampson of Exira and Carol, Mrs Glen Rixen of Harlan; three sisters, Mrs Valbor Wheeler of Vernon Center, Minn.; Mrs Olga Strehler of Minneapolis, Minn. and Louise Rich of Duluth, Minn. She is also survived by three grandsons, one granddaughter, four great-grandsons, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Family graveside services were held Saturday, May 21, 1983, at the Exira cemetery, Exira, with Emmert Mushrush, Ernest Sampson, Glen Rixen, Carroll Sampson and Allen Sampson serving as casketbearers. Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home of Harlan.
