

CHRISTENSEN, Minnie E.

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## Minnie E. Christensen, 93

Minnie Elva Christensen, daughter of Chris and Julia Hansen Lansman was born May 13, 1888 in Denmark. At the age of 2, she came with her family to the U.S. setting near Merrill's Grove in Shelby co. Minnie attended the country school and grew to adulthood helping on the family farm near Merrill's Grove. She then studied music, both piano and voice in Sac City.

On March 22, 1916, she married Walter Christensen at her parent's farm near Merrill's Grove. Two daughters, Virginia and Naomi were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm near Merrill's Grove until moving to Des Moines, where Mr Christensen studied for the ministry. They lived there two years before returning to Fiscus in Shelby co. In 1933, the Christensen's moved to Audubon. After Mr Christensen died on Dec. 15, 1936, Mrs Christensen moved to Harlan, where she began practical nursing. She moved to Omaha, Neb. in 1944 and continued her nursing. In 1970, she became a resident of the Maple Crest Care Center in Omaha. This has been her home since that time.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist church in Omaha. In her younger years, she was a member of Merrill's Grove Baptist church and during her years as a member there, she directed the choir and also sang. When she moved to Harlan in 1936, she became a member of the Bethel Baptist church and was a member there until moving to Omaha. She was very active in church activities most of her life. She

died at the Maple Crest Care Center in Omaha on Sunday, March 21, 1982 at the age of 93 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Chris, Harry, Ray, Charles and Ewald and one sister, Sophia. She is survived by her two daughters, Virginia (Mrs Henry) Franz and Naomi (Mrs Roland) Olson, both of Omaha; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren; one brother, Emanuel Lansman of Harlan; two sisters, Nina (Mrs Jens) Sorensen and Clara (Mrs Ralph) Nielsen, both of Harlan; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Wednesday, March 24, 1982 with the Rev. Theodore A. Brentz of the Calvary Baptist church in Omaha officiating. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove cemetery with Don Sorensen, Merlin Sorensen, Robert E. Lansman, Harold Lansman, Gordon Pedersen and Norman Sondergard serving as casketbearers.