



Sylvia V. Cox, 75

Harlan — Sylvia Violet Cox, daughter of J. P. and Laura Marie Rasmussen Sorensen, was born in Harlan on April 12, 1902. She attended school and grew to adulthood in Harlan. She was baptized at the American Baptist church in Harlan on Oct. 31, 1915, and joined this church a week later. After graduating from the Harlan high school, she attended the University of Iowa at Iowa City and then taught school in Carroll, from 1923-1926.

On Sept. 11, 1926, she married Harrell Wilbur Cox in Fremont, Nebr. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Cox made their home in Harlan. In the early 1930's, Sylvia became the Director of the Social Welfare Dept. for Shelby county and held this position until retiring in 1967. She then became very active in volunteer work at the Myrtue Memorial hospital and the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. After her husband's death in Nov. of 1971, she continued to make her home in Harlan. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Dec. of 1977.

It was here that she died on Monday, Jan. 16, 1978, at 75 years, 9 months and four days. Mrs Cox was a long time member of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan and was active and involved in many areas of church life.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Grace Wiuff; and by two brothers, Sylvester and Gaylord Sorensen. Her survivors include a daughter, Bonnie Jean (Mrs Raymond) Knight of Harlan; a son, Jack H. Cox of Wagoner, Okla.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. By a brother, Carl R. Sorensen of Grand Island, Nebr.; a cousin, Sharlan (Mrs C. H.) Siems of Columbus, Nebr., who was raised in the Sorensen home; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Thursday, Jan. 19, 1978, with Pastor A. B. Neuenschwander, pastor of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Olin Pash, Milo Johnson, Richard Norgaard, Elliott L. Svendsen, Donald M. Norgaard and Norman (Rocky) Swensen serving as casket-bearers.