



Elsie L. Johnson, 69

Elsie Lavern Johnson, daughter of Elmer M. and Christen Christiansen Johnson, was born on a farm in Shelby County on Nov. 27, 1909. She attended grade school in Kirkman and high school in Harlan, graduating from Harlan high school in 1928. She then began nurses training at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs. After completing nurses training in 1931, she practiced as a private nurse in Harlan and worked for Dr. E. A. Moore and later Dr. A. L. Nielsen. She also served as school nurse in Harlan from 1940-1944.

Elsie then served overseas as a Captain in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II. After receiving her honorable discharge in Feb., 1946, she made her home in Omaha where she worked for Dr. Maynard Greenberg for over 20 years. After his death, she worked at the Lutheran Medical Center until retiring in 1973. She continued to make her home in Omaha. Elsie died at the Lutheran Medical Center in Omaha, Nebr., on Jan. 19, 1979 at age 69 years, one month and 22 days. She had been a member of the Omaha American Legion Post No. 1, Douglas County Chapter of American Red Cross and Omaha Nursing Association.

In addition to her parents, Elsie was preceded in death by three brothers - Melvin, Everett and Dale and by a sister, Cecile. She is survived by a brother, Gerald Johnson of Manning; three nieces - Kay Slarb of Waldorf, Maryland, Mary Beth Shaw of Orange, Calif., and Sandra Terrill of Stockton, Calif.; three nephews - Bob Johnson of Manning, Jim Johnson of Boulder, Colo. and Gary Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz.; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, Monday, Jan. 22, 1979, with Pastor C. Donald Thrash of First Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Dan Knudsen, Lyle Knudsen, Steven Mores, Vic Christensen, Robert W. Larson, and Orrell D. Gearhart serving as pallbearers. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 American Legion of Harlan.

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