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## Obituary

### THE LIFE STORY OF —

#### MARTHA JOHNSON, 79

Martha Lucia Johnson, daughter of Mine Marie Knoff and Nels Johnson was born Nov. 10, 1896 on a farm near Moorhead in Monona county. She died at Myrtue hospital on July 25, 1976 at the age 79 years, 8 months and 15 days. She was educated in the Monona County schools and attended Dana College at Blair, Nebr. In the early 1920's she came to Harlan and kept house for the Paul Thogersen family and was later a nurses aid at the Baptist Memorial Home. For the last 8 years she has been an active resident of the Salem Lutheran Homes of Elk Horn. She was baptized and confirmed at the Bethesda Lutheran church near Moorhead and for many years was a Sunday school teacher and Immanuel Lutheran church pianist.

Miss Johnson was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers - Frank and Knoff Johnson and one in infancy, four sisters - Inger Thogersen, Jennie Johnson, Marie Medinger and Rebecca McDade. Survivors include one brother - Adolph Johnson of Ossian, Ind., one sister - Dena (Mrs C. M. Stevens) of Lincoln, Nebr. and many nieces and nephews, some of whom are: H. K. Thogersen of Lansing, Ill., Mrs Ruth Alice TenEyck of Boulder, Colo., Mrs Mena Burmeister, Mrs Eleanor Bramer and Mrs Frances Wigness of Harlan, Nels Thogersen of Ames and Rev. Dolliver Thogersen of Decorah and Mrs Amy Bedford of Onawa.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan on Wednesday, July 28, 1976 with Pastors J. Harry Thomsen and Clifford Nelson in charge of services. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Ted Sorensen, Levi Andersen, Darwin Warner, Arthur Andersen, Marvin Andersen and Charles J. Andersen serving as pallbearers.

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