



Marie Larsen, 86

Marie Larsen, daughter of Christian and Marie Petersen Christian born on a farm in Jackson twp. in Shelby county on June 6, 1892. As a baby, she was baptized into the Lutheran faith and remained a faithful member throughout her life. She attended school in Jackson twp and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Feb. 20, 1911, she married Henry Lars Larsen at Kimballton. Four children were born to this union.

After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Larsen made their home on his family farm near Kimballton for five years and then moved to a farm west of Jacksonville. This was their home until retiring in 1945 and moving to Harlan. After Henry's death in June of 1963, Marie continued to live in Harlan until becoming a resident of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca in Sept. of 1973. In March of 1974 she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan and this has been her home since that time. It was here that she died on Monday, Oct. 23, 1978 at 86 years, four months and 17 days.

Mrs Larsen had been a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church at Jacksonville and after moving to Harlan joined the Immanuel Lutheran church.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Randy Lee Larsen; five brothers - Christ, Niels, Matt, Johannes and Nels Christensen; and by three sisters - Anna Bock, Matie Nelsen and Martha Sorensen. Her survivors include two sons - Leonard C. Larsen and Ivan Larsen, both of Harlan; two daughters - Leona (Mrs Oliver Jensen) of Alexandria, Minn., and Florence (Mrs Orvis Behrens) of Harlan; 19 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1978 with Pastor Clifford H. Nelson and David Menz, serving the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Gary Larsen, Dean Jensen, James Larsen, Lyle Behrens, Gailyn Larsen, Dennis Larsen, David Behrens, Keith Behrens and Richard Behrens, all grandsons