

Fern G. Paulsen, 71

Fern Geneva Paulsen, daughter of Cyrus and Nora Mabel Nelson Monson was born April 4, 1910 on a farm near Irwin. She attended the rural schools, graduating from Irwin high school. She attended the Teacher's College in Atlantic and then taught in the rural schools around the Irwin area.

On Oct. 18, 1934, she married Alfred Paulsen in Denison. Two daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Irwin where she worked for the Paulsen Store for a short time before they moved to Manning in 1938 where they owned and operated a dress shop. From 1954 to 1956, they made their home in Ft. Morgan, Colo. and then Lincoln, Neb. before moving to Harlan in 1956. In 1958, she became employed by the State of Iowa as a social worker. The Paulsen's moved back to Irwin in 1960 and she continued to work as a social worker until she retired in 1971. After Mr Paulsen died on Jan. 16, 1977, she continued to make her home in Irwin.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin as well as a member of their ALCW church circle. She was also a member of the Rural Teacher's Assoc. and the Keenager's of Irwin. She died at her home in Irwin on Saturday, Nov. 21, 1981 at the age of 71 years.

In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin Monson and Cyrus Monson, Jr.

Survivors include her mother, Mabel Monson of Harlan; two daughters, Susan (Mrs Orlin "Buck") Pauley of Harlan and Linda (Mrs Gene) Dahl of Morton, Ill.; four grandchildren, Julie Pauley and Dennis, Michael and David Dahl; one sister, Alma Warddrip of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1981 with Pastor Tim Zingale officiating.

Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin with John Paulsen, Bud Knudson, Russ Thompson, Robert W. Larson, Richard L. Larson and Richard McMahan serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan handled the arrangements.