

Rachel E. Sorensen, 85

Rachel Ellen Sorensen, daughter of George and Ella Hawk Cushing, was born on a farm near Corley in Shelby county, on April 18, 1892. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Sept. 24, 1977, at age 85 years, 5 months, and 6 days. Rachel attended country school near Corley and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. On Jan. 4, 1911, she married Will O. Sorensen. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Sorensen made their home on the farm at Corley. After Mr Sorensen's death in March of 1953, Rachel continued to live at Corley until becoming a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan in 1965. This has been her home since that time. Mrs Sorensen was baptized at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan and had been a member of that church for many years. She was a charter member of the Corley Social club and had served as correspondent for the Harlan and Avoca newspapers for over 40 years.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Howard; two grandchildren; a great-grandson; three brothers - Chris, Charlie, and Clinton; three sisters - Hattie, Cora, and Prudence; a half-brother, Bill; and three half-sisters - Anna, Vernie and Millie. Her survivors include three sons - Paul of California, Kenneth (Tubby) and Robert D. (Rusty), both of Harlan; three daughters - Irma (Mrs James Condor) of Paramount, Calif., Viola (Mrs Frank Briggs) of Avoca, and Mary (Mrs Dale Slates) of Chico, Calif. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1977, with Pastor Clifford H. Nelson and Dale Moe, Intern, both of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, with Kenneth Pash, Edwin Plagman, Harold Karstens, Milton Lawrence, Clarence Cushing and Harry Petersen, Jr. serving as pallbearers.
