

Johanna Swensen, 96

Johanna Marie Swensen, daughter of Milla Khristensen and Jane Pedersen was born Feb. 22, 1888, at Aalbørn, Denmark. When she was in her early 20's, she came to the U.S.

On Aug. 18, 1909, she married Chris Swensen at Jacksonville and to this union nine children were born. They have farmed for many years in Center twp. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist church and had accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized in her early 30's.

She has been a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home since 1964 and died there on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1984 at the age of 96 years, 7 months and 7 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Chris in 1963, four brothers and two sisters all of Denmark and two grandchildren at birth. Survivors include two sons: Norman of Harlan and Donald of Omaha; seven daughters: Dagny, Mrs Wilbert Svendsen, Christena, Mrs Milo Johnson and Mae Heilig all of Harlan, Ina Carroll of Ketchikan, AK., Violet, Mrs Wayne Fiscus of Kirkman, Ethel, Mrs Dennis Dent of Springdale, AR and Joy, Mrs Jack Whissinnand of Bellevue, NE. She is also survived by 34 grandchildren; 65 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1984 at Bethel Baptist church with Rev. Don Sauser officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Terry Fiscus, Tom Heilig, Jeff Swensen, Gary Heilig, Keith Svendsen, Dwain Swensen, Charles Johnson and David Whissinnand serving as casketbearers.

Services were arranged by Burmeister Funeral Home.