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Alta Elma Andersen, 84

July 6, 1909 - Feb. 11, 1994

Harlan — Alta Elma Andersen, the youngest daughter of John Annon and Susan (Howlett) Lee, was born in Fairview Township, rural Harlan, July 6, 1909. She attended Fairview Township School #6, and graduated from the eighth grade.

Feb. 21, 1929, in Harlan, she married Harold Andersen. They farmed in Shelby County until retirement. They moved into Harlan on Nov. 1, 1987. Harold died Dec. 26, 1987. She worked for the Harlan Newspapers for 45 years as the Cuppy Grove correspondent. She also worked as a correspondent for the Walnut paper for many years. She retired from newspaper work Dec. 26, 1993. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan Feb. 11, 1994, at age 84 years, 7 months, and 5 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Harold; one son, Donald; one daughter and son-in-law, Marvel and Elmer Gries; and two grandsons, Randy Fox and Marty Bivens. Survivors include four daughters, Norma Andersen, LaVonne (Fred) Fox, and Lois Gordon, all of Harlan, and Ardith Bivens of Avoca; two sons, Darwin (Karen) of Harlan and Wayne (Mary) of Atlantic; 21 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14, 1994, at Burmeister Funeral Home, with Rev. David Erickson presiding. Casket bearers were Ronald Fox, Terry Gordon, Delmar Gries, Robert Gries, David Andersen, and Kenneth Andersen. Honorary casket bearers were Dale Gries, Michael Gries, Kevin Gundy, and Todd Gordon. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.