



## **Elsie Andersen, 86**

**Oct. 6, 1906 - May 1, 1993**

**HARLAN** — Elsie Andersen, the daughter of Henry W. and Ida (Steckelberg) Witt, was born on a farm in Denison Oct. 6, 1906. She died May 1, 1993 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 86 years, six months and 25 days. She grew up in Crawford county and received her education in the Denison Public Schools.

She married Leo D. Billings June 15, 1935. He died Oct. 29, 1953.

She married H. Otto Andersen Dec. 22, 1957. Otto died Oct. 20, 1963. After her marriage she worked for Potter Electric and the Farm Service Co-op of Harlan. She was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan where she was a Sunday School teacher, and also sang in the choir for many years. She was a member of Zenobia Rebekah Lodge #286, a 50 year member of the Friday Club, played bridge with several groups and was on the Senior Citizens Community Affairs board, all of Harlan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Leo Billings and H. Otto Andersen and her stepson, Earl Andersen. Survivors are step-son, Otto (Betty) of Harlan; step-daughter, Ilo (Ed) Mathiasen of Harlan; 4 step-grandchildren; and 5 step-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Leona Wheeler of San Diego, CA.; and Helen (Henry) Vannier of Fayetteville, AR.; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 4, 1993 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan with Rev. C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Roy Baron, Raymond Minor, Glenn Zimmerman, and Russell Schroeder as honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Alvin Miller, Randy Rasmussen, Roger Andersen, Steve Mathiasen, Rob Lueth, and Melroy Carstens. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.