

Vina Arentson Best, 101 ✓

HARLAN — Elvina Lydia Best, the daughter of Christian and Catherine (Larson) Nelson was born April 1, 1889, at Cuppy's Grove in Shelby Co. She was the youngest of 11 children. At the age of three years, she moved with her family to Lincoln Twp. She lived there until the 4th grade, when they moved to Harlan. She then attended school in Harlan, and also took piano and voice lessons. Later she attended college in Battle Creek, MI., for one year where she studied domestic science and millinery courses. She then returned to Harlan where she worked in a millinery shop and later in a variety store.

March 22, 1916, she married Martin Arentson at the home of her parents. They were the parents of four children. After their marriage, they farmed for a year in Cuppy's Grove before moving to her father's farm in Lincoln Twp. in 1946, they retired from farming and moved into Harlan. Martin died on July 19, 1969, and in Sept. of 1969, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan.

May 5, 1971, she married Bert Best at the Baptist Memorial Home. They continued to reside at the home until his death Feb. 15, 1980. She died Sept. 3, 1990, at the Baptist Memorial Home, at age 101 years, 10 months and two days. She was a devoted wife, and a loving and patient mother. At an early age, she joined the Baptist Church and had been a faithful member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan since that time.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters, and two grandsons, Gary Scull and Bruce Anderson. Surviving her are three daughters, Elaine Scull, Eleanor (Mrs. Ted) Allen and Rosalie (Mrs Glenn) French all of Harlan; and a son, Dale of Eldorado, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Crawford of Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Joe Allen, Jeff Allen, Sam Allen, Steve French, John French, David French, and Stanley French, serving as casketbearers.