

## Mena Burmeister, 93

*Jan. 18, 1911 - Sept. 19, 2004*

**HARLAN** — Mena Marie Edith Burmeister, daughter of Jens Christian and Inger (Johnson) Thogerson, was born Jan. 18, 1911, near Kirkman. She lived there until she was six years old, when her father died. Mena's family moved to Harlan. After graduating from Harlan High School and attending Normal Training, she taught country school west of Harlan for seven years.

May 31, 1936, Mena married Harry Thede Burmeister at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. The couple farmed for many years, retiring in 1972. Harry died Oct. 19, 2001, in Harlan. She was a lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church where she was active in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Women activities and mission quilting. She died Sept. 19, 2004, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 93 years, eight months and one day.

Preceding Mena in death were her parents; her husband, Harry T. Burmeister; two sisters, Marjorie Grosbeck and Frances Wigness; and two brothers, Nels Thogerson and Dolliver Thogerson. She is survived by six sons, Robert (Sharon) Burmeister of Show Low, AZ; Richard (Sharon) Burmeister of Harlan; Jerome (Rose) Burmeister of Ft. Dodge; James (Sally) Burmeister and Jon (Beverly) Burmeister, both of Harlan; and Philip (Marie) Burmeister of Mt. Ayr; one daughter, Janet (Ed) Gose of Jefferson; one sister, Eleanor Bramer of Harlan; one brother, Raymond Thogerson of Lebanon, OR; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 23, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Heather Ploen and Pastor Mark Jamison officiating. Casket bearers were Robert H. Burmeister, James R. Burmeister, Janet K. Gose, Jon J. Burmeister, Philip A. Burmeister, Jerome C. Burmeister and Richard H. Burmeister. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

