



## Edith Ethel Curtis, 96

Jan. 27, 1895 - Feb. 7, 1991

**DES MOINES** - Edith Ethel Green Curtis was born Jan. 27, 1895 on a farm in Lincoln twp., Shelby county, the second daughter of John Franklin and Ada Altadell Bryan Green. She died Feb. 7, 1991. She attended school and taught school near her parents home in Lincoln twp. in Harlan. She was baptized in the Christian Church in Harlan in 1910 and transferred to the Harlan Methodist Church July 31, 1921, where she still has her membership.

March 26, 1913, she married James Arthur Curtis at her parents

home in Lincoln twp. by the Rev. C.M. McDade. Six children were born to this union, two sons and four daughters. They farmed in Lincoln twp. until 1936 when they moved into Harlan where her husband was a successful insurance salesman. He died April 27, 1968. She was a member of the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge No. 286 of Harlan and received her 50 year pin in 1971 and was a member of the Lincoln Social Club and Literary Guild in Harlan. After her husband's death she moved to Des Moines but kept her membership in the Methodist Church in Harlan. She was an associate member of the Epworth Methodist Church in Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Curtis; parents, Ada and J.F. Green; two sisters, Hazel Peterson, Mabel Miller, and one brother, George E. Green; two granddaughters, Michelle and Toni Fryman. Survivors are her children, Elva (Mrs Gerald H. Kees of Baltimore) Donald Curtis and Nadine (Mrs Harold Fryman) of Des Moines; Maxine (Mrs Lowell Paulson) of Jacksonville Beach, FL., and Darlene (Mrs Gene Way) of Spring Valley, CA.; Col. James A. Curtis of McLean, VA.; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Feb. 11, 1991 at Epworth United Methodist Church with Rev. Hugh Stone, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery.