

Grace E. Christensen, 89

May 22, 1911 - Dec. 31, 2000

HARLAN - May 22, 1911, Grace Evelyn, daughter of Florence Mable Maxwell and Chris Larson, was born on a farm in Center Township, Shelby County. After attending Rabbit Hollow Country School, she graduated from Harlan Community High School in 1929. She taught rural schools in Shelby County for two years.

Dec. 2, 1931, she married Howard Christensen in Harlan. One son, Lynn, was born to this union. They farmed in Jeffers, Lincoln, Jackson and Center Township until 1965. They retired and moved to Harlan, where she clerked at the Golden Rule Store for 23 years. She attended Bowman's Grove Sunday School until 1924, and later became a member of the United Methodist Church in Harlan. She died Dec. 31, 2000, at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 89 years, seven months and nine days.

In addition to Howard's death in 1980, she was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter-in-law, Patty in 1974, and a grandson, Ross in 1970. She is survived by her son, Lynn Christensen (Pam) of Harlan; her grandchildren, Mike Christensen, Patrec Comstock and Lori Gettys; great grandchildren, Joan Halbert, Ross Gettys, Angela Gettys, Michael Christensen, Samantha Comstock, Julia Comstock; great great grandchild, Cali Grace Halbert; her sisters, Anna Christensen of Harlan and Leona Keel of Valley City, ND; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Jan. 8, 2001, at the United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Mark Maxwell, Max Edwards, Bruce Heilesen, Stan Johansen, Dana Larimore, Orlin "Buck" Pauley, Ed Swank, Charles "Turk" Therklisen, Verle Doonan and Randy Ouren. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

