

Lila Christensen, 85

Nov. 9, 1912 - Dec. 9, 1997

HARLAN - Lila Ventis Christensen, daughter of Edward and Frances (Porter) Ventis, was born Nov. 9, 1912, at Tabor. She grew to adulthood in Tabor where she attended grade and high school. Following graduation she continued her education at a business school in Lincoln, NE before coming to Harlan and working in the Harlan National Bank for several years.

April 3, 1937, she married Victor Leland Christensen at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan. To this union two children were born. They made Harlan their home, where she was active in the community theater in early years and also an active member of the Harlan Golf and Country Club. She was a member of Eastern Star, Lebanon Chapter No. 8, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Women's Guild in Harlan. She restarted Alcoholics Anonymous in Harlan years ago and maintained an active interest in helping others. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Dec. 9, 1997, at age 85 years and one month.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, Jan. 30, 1994. She is survived by her children, Jim Christensen (Jacqueline) of Lee's Summit, MO and Mary Anderson of Seattle, WA; her grandchildren, James (Anita) Christensen; Kirk (Kathy) Christensen; Christian (Diana) Anderson and Scott Anderson and her great granddaughter, Anna Christensen; her sister, Darlene Younts of Tabor, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 1997, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan, with Rev. Glenn Rankin officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jerry Smith, James Eric Christensen, Alan Younts, Willard J. Olson, Krik Christensen and Norman D. Nelsen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.