

Margaret Clausen, 92

May 23, 1907 - Dec. 2, 1999

HARLAN - Margaret Clausen, daughter of Claus and Catharine (Frahm) Ehlers, was born May 23, 1907, in Klein Bennebek, Germany. She was the fourth of ten children and grew up on an acreage in Germany, near Denmark. In 1926, at age 18, she came to the United States. She lived in Chicago, IL, for several years and in 1936, made her home in Grand Mound. In 1966, she moved to Maquoketa, and later, in 1991, she and her daughter relocated to Harlan, where Margaret made her home in the Westridge Apartments. In 1995, due to poor health, she became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community (Baptist Memorial Home). She was active in her church in Bliedorn and Maquoketa, and when she moved to Harlan, she became a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church where she attended the pastor's Bible study classes. She died Dec. 2, 1999, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 92 years, six months and nine days.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one sister, seven brothers and three husbands. Survivors include one daughter, Marion Cornilsen of Harlan; one son, Martin T. (JoLene) Janssen of Sussex, WI; one sister, Louise Wagner of Cheyenne, WY; five grandchildren, Linda (Larry) Hopp of Harlan; Diane (Larry) Magruder of Wichita Falls, TX; Tom (Carolyn) Janssen of Brookfield, WI; Kristi (Shawn) Booth of Sussex, WI and Terry (Lisa) Janssen of Pewaukee, WI; 13 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4, 1999, at Nelson Funeral Home in Clinton, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were members of her family. Burial was in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery in Clinton. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.