

## Anna Hess Esbeck, 81

Jan. 18, 1917 - July 26, 1998 ✓

**HARLAN** - Anna Hess Esbeck, daughter of Andrew and Emma (Johansen) Andersen, was born Jan. 18, 1917, on the family farm two and one half mile east of Jacksonville. She was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She grew up on the family farm with 12 brothers and sisters. She graduated from the Jackson No. 5 school. She worked on a farm as a hired girl, and later in the Harlan telephone office. In 1932 and 1933, she played on the Good Girls Softball Team.

She married Everett Floyd Hess April 18, 1934. They made their home on the Andrew Hess farm two miles west, and one half miles south of Jacksonville, where they farmed for many years. Four children were born to this union, Floyd Lee, Gail Everett, Judith Ann and Eugene Craig. Both Anna and Everett were 4-H leaders. In April of 1959, they celebrated their 25 wedding anniversary. Sept. 15, 1959, Everett was killed as a result of a baling accident. After Everett's death, Anna continued to live on the farm until 1961, when she moved to Harlan. She worked as a dietary cook at Myrtue Memorial Hospital for ten years.

In July of 1971, she married Leslie Nelson Esbeck in Omaha, NE, where they made their home. She worked at Florence Height Nursing Home as a cook from 1974 to 1986. While visiting her son, Gail at DeWitt, Leslie died July 4, 1984. In 1986, Anna moved back to Harlan and worked at the Baptist Memorial Home until she retired in 1994. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital July 26, 1998, at age 81 years, six months and eight days.

In addition to her parents, her first husband, Everett, and her second husband, Leslie, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Kock; three grandchildren, David Kock, Paul Kock and Lee Hess; her brothers and sisters, Peter, Mathies, Dora, Mata, Frank, Elmer, Myrtle and Arthur. Survivors include her children, Floyd L. Hess (Barbara) of Colorado City, CO; Gail E. Hess (Jeryllyn) DeWitt; Eugene C. Hess (Karen) of Dunlap; her stepchildren, Belva Jean Brown of Omaha, NE and LaVerne Esbeck of Omaha, NE; 12 grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren; one step great great grandchild; 15 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; her brothers and sister, Roy Andersen of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn; Earl Andersen (Leota) of Harlan; Arlene Adams of Kirkman; LaVerne Andersen of Jacksonville; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 29, 1998, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Mary Ann Lunde officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery at Jacksonville, with Troy Hess, Andrew Hess, Wayne Kock, Craig Hess, Cory Hess and Nathan Hess casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.