

## Martha Felgentreff, 95

*Aug. 14, 1908 - Sept. 28, 2003*

**HARLAN** – Martha Augusta Felgentreff, the daughter of Raymond Oliver and Maud (Evans) Davis, was born Aug. 14, 1908, on a farm near Persia. She attended grade school at Pleasant Ridge School and continued her education at the Tennant Consolidated School. She graduated from high school in May, 1926.

Feb. 23, 1927, in Harlan, Martha married John Rudolph "Rudy" Felgentreff. The couple farmed near Shelby and Persia until 1970, when they moved into Harlan. From 1971 to 1976, Martha worked as a member of the housekeeping staff at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. She was later employed by the Baptist Memorial Home. Following Rudy's death Jan. 18, 1987, her nephew, Marion Martin, helped care for her. In March, 2002, she became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. She was a Methodist. Even though she and Rudy did not have children of their own, they helped raise many nieces, nephews and other children. She died Sept. 28, 2003, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 95 years, one month and 14 days.

Preceding Martha in death were her parents; her husband, John Rudolph Felgentreff; five sisters, Elsa Thordsen McKeighan, Mary Martin, Margaret Brodersen, Alice Petersen and Bertha Gramkow; and three brothers, Raymond Davis, Jr., Wilbur Davis and Robert Davis. She is survived by two sisters, Frances Lawrence of Harlan and Esther Becker of Shelby; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Carlson of Council Bluffs and Alice Myrtue of Harlan; one brother-in-law, Vernon Peterson of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 2003, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank of the First United Methodist Church of Harlan, officiating. Casket bearers were Carl Wilson, Melvin Martin, Merlyn Martin, Marvin Martin, Marion Martin and Leonard L. Kay. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.