

Patricia Flessner, 67

March 10, 1936 - July 14, 2003

HARLAN – Patricia Ann Flessner, the daughter of Kenneth and Marie (Juel) Meyer, was born March 10, 1936, in Ackley. She graduated from Ackley High School in 1954, and attended Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa), receiving a two-year teaching certificate in elementary education. In 1957, Pat moved to Harlan to teach at New Park School.

She married Paul M. Nielsen June 6, 1958, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Three children were born to Pat and Paul, and she became a full-time farm wife and mother. The couple farmed in Shelby County for 32 years. Paul was killed in a farm accident Nov. 29, 1990.

Sept. 4, 1994, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, Pat married the Rev. Henry Flessner of Ord, NE. The couple served parishes in Sioux Center, Harlan and Jacksonville. Pat was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She was a former member of the Harlan Kiwanis Club and the Farm Bureau. Pat died July 14, 2003, at her home in rural Harlan, at age 67 years, four months and four days.

Preceding Pat in death were her father, Kenneth Meyer, and her first husband, Paul M. Nielsen. Survivors include her second husband, Henry Flessner of Harlan; her mother, Marie Meyer of Irwin; one brother, Ronald (Fran) Meyer of Iowa Falls; two daughters, Julie (Joel) McKeever of Defiance; and Karen (Rob) Scribano of Oak Park, IL; one son, Ken Nielsen of Harlan; two stepsons, John (Cendra) Flessner of Kansas City, MO and Nathan (Kim) Flessner of Ord, NE; seven grandchildren, Kara McKeever, Dana McKeever, Austin McKeever, Rebecca Scribano, Pauline Scribano, Drake Nielsen and Evan Nielsen; two step grandchildren, Zachary Flessner and Alex Flessner; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held July 17, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Delwayne Hahn officiating. Burial of the cremains was in the Harlan Cemetery. The Burmelster-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.