



Alta Viola Hess, 85

June 5, 1911 - July 10, 1996

HARLAN - Alta Viola Hess, daughter of George and Anna Marie (Christensen) Hansen, was born June 5, 1911, in Jackson Township, rural Shelby County. She attended Jackson #9

School through the eighth grade.

June 20, 1932, she married Wilfred Nicholas Hess at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. The couple farmed in the Jacksonville area until their retirement in 1971, when they moved to Harlan. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home Aug. 22, 1995. She was a life-long Jacksonville and Harlan resident, was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Meet Your Neighbor Club. She died July 10, 1996, at the Baptist Memorial Home at age 85 years, one month and five days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Hans C. Hansen and Raymond Hansen; two sisters, Marie Hansen and one sister who died at birth; and one son, Duane G. Hess, May 16, 1996. Survivors include her husband, Wilfred N. Hess of Harlan; three sons, Dewey (Darlene) Hess and Dennis (Peggy) Hess all of Harlan and Dean Hess of Chariton; one daughter-in-law, LuAnn Hess of Harlan; 12 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 13, 1996, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Pastor Mary Lunde officiating. Casket bearers were her eight grandsons, Rick, Rod, Randy, Kevin, James, Chad, Doug and Jason Hess. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.