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Caroline Lucia Hansen, 101

Oct. 14, 1897 - Feb. 25, 1999

HARLAN - Caroline Lucia Hansen, the daughter of Hans A. and Christine (Heick) Hansen, was born Oct. 14, 1897, on a farm two miles east of Jacksonville. At three years of age she moved with her family to a farm east of Fiscus. In 1910, she and her family moved to Harlan, where she lived the rest of her life. She attended rural schools in Shelby County, and graduated from Harlan High School in 1916. For two years following graduation, she taught in rural schools. She then completed a business course at Van Sants Business College in Omaha, NE. She returned to Harlan and worked at the Farmers and Merchants Bank (later known as the Shelby County State Bank) for 25 years. She cared for her sister, Laurretta, until Laurretta's death in 1981. She resided in her own home until January 1998, when she broke her hip. Needing more extensive care, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home, now known as Elm Crest Retirement Community. She was a 50-year member of the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge. She was also a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died Feb. 25, 1999, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 101 years, four months and 11 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; four brothers, Charles, Henning, Frank and Albert; and two sisters, Laurretta and one in infancy. Survivors include nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 1, 1999, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Prickett of Christ's Church in Harlan, officiating. Casket bearers were Lowell Sorensen, Brian Sorensen, Tom Ouren, Dallas Hansen, Larry Gittens and Don Carl. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.