

Laurel M. Hansen, 84

April 5, 1913 - June 12, 1997 ✓

HARLAN - Laurel Myrtle Hansen, daughter of Edwin and Myrtle (Baughman) Robertson, was born April 5, 1913, at Panama. She grew up on farms near Panama and Woodbine. She attended school at Rural Washington Twp. #3, near Panama and high school at Woodbine and Dunlap. After completing high school she attended Omaha Business College in Omaha, NE and Iowa State Teacher's College at Cedar Falls. After completing her schooling, she worked as a teacher in rural one room schools and later she substitute taught.

Aug. 26, 1937, she married Emory L. Hansen at Dunlap. To this union three sons were born. They made their home in Harlan. She served as a mother and housewife and was a secretary in the elementary schools in Harlan, retiring in 1965. She was a past member of the Methodist Church in Dunlap, and the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan and was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan. She has been a Sunday School teacher; church secretary and officer and member of American Baptist Women and the Ruth Circle at First Baptist Church. She was a member of the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge No. 286 in Harlan where she served as Past Noble Grand. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital June 12, 1997, at age 84 years, two months and seven days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Emory, she was preceded in death by her brother, Edwin Robertson, and her sister, Jean Christiansen. Survivors include her children, Warren Hansen (Mary Eleanor) of San Luis Obispo, CA; Bryce Hansen (Lynn) of Iowa City; Richard Hansen (Sheila) of St. Cloud, MN; her grandchildren, Curtis Hansen (Dana) Derek, Ryan, Caryn, Zachary and Abbi Hansen, and one great granddaughter, Caroline; her sister, Elizabeth (Woodrow) Hansen of Harlan; a sister-in-law, Marian Robertson of Dunlap; a brother-in-law, Arthur Christiansen of Arlington, KS and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 16, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan with Rev. John E. Hester officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Bob Hansen, Byron Hansen, Ron Hansen, Phil Hansen, Al Burchett, Tom Hansen, Dave Schwartz and Doug Svendsen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.