

Lydia Hansen, 92

Oct. 12, 1913 - Nov. 2, 2005

HARLAN — Lydia Olivia Hansen, daughter of Thyge S. and Mary (Jensen) Thygesen, was born Oct. 12, 1913, near Audubon. She was baptized and confirmed at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Audubon and attended Douglas Township country school in rural Audubon County.

May 22, 1932, Lydia married Nels P. Hansen at Audubon. Four daughters were born to this union, Betty, Joann, Jean and Susan. After their marriage, Lydia and Nels made their home on the Hansen family farm near Irwin where Nels farmed with his father. They continued to make their home on the family farm where Lydia was a wife and mother. Nels died Oct. 10, 1985, and a short time after his death, Lydia made her home in Harlan. Lydia remained in Harlan until 1995, when she became a resident of the Salem Retirement Home in Elk Horn and in 1998 relocated to the Exira Care Center. It was there that she died Nov. 3, 2005, at age 92 years and 22 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, Nels, Lydia was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Anna Jensen, Bertha Knudsen, Minnie Petersen, Laura Knudsen, Katie Lambertz, Chris Thygesen and Willie Thygesen. She is survived by her daughters, Betty (Alvin) Pospisil of Cole Camp, MO; Joann (Darrell) Mitchell of Ute; Jean (Ned) Freestone of Westcliffe, CO and Susan (Donald) Gessert of Elk Horn; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Al Hazelton officiating. Burial was in Merrill's Grove Cemetery in rural Harlan, with David Pospisil, Kelly Barton, Mark Pospisil, Darrin Gessert, Brian Gessert, Kelly Gessert, and Mike Mitchell casket bearers.



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