

Selma "Sadie" Hanson, 92

May 19, 1910 - April 6, 2003

HARLAN – Selma "Sadie" Christine Hanson, the daughter of Andrew P. and Dorthea M. (Jensen) Vithen, was born May 19, 1910, in Poplar. She was baptized and confirmed and attended grade school at Sharon No. 3 and Jackson No. 1. As a young girl, she worked for farm families, at a cafe and a laundry.

Oct. 26, 1932, Sadie married Leo F. Hanson at the First Baptist Church in Omaha, NE. Two sons were born to this union, Gary and Kenneth. After their marriage, they lived in Harlan and have made this their home throughout their married life. She has rented rooms in their home beginning in the middle 1950's and continued even when she became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community. She was a homemaker. She was a member of several card clubs. She crocheted afghans and donated them to various places, including the Salem Lutheran Home and the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center. She died April 6, 2003, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 92 years, 10 months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Leo, Sadie was preceded in death by a son, Gary Hanson; her brothers, John and Emil Vithen; her sister, Oda Vithen Martens; her two half sisters, Ester Lindstrom Nelson and Margaret Lindstrom Petersen; and a half brother, Tony Lindstrom. Survivors include her son, Kenneth Hanson (Joanne "Jody") of Centennial, CO; her four grandchildren, Amy Christine Hanson Lawless, Cheryl Lynn Hanson Kerbs, Diane Marie Hanson Detroit, and Gregg Hanson; her three great-grandchildren, Jamy Lawless, Spencer Kerbs and Cameron Kerbs; a sister-in-law, Jessie Vithen; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 11, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Rev. Heather Ploen and Rev. Steven Martens officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Merlyn Knudsen, Gene West, Lyle Poldberg, Buck Pauley, Don Johnson and Roger Rust casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

