

Ann Hill, 91

Jan. 14, 1912 - Feb. 5, 2003

HARLAN – Ann Christine Hill was born Jan. 14, 1912, to Jens F. and Christine (Rasch) Petersen in rural Audubon County near Poplar. She was confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton, April 10, 1927, and educated in Sharon Township, Audubon County. As a youth, she assisted her parents with farm responsibilities, later working in Harlan for a time.

She married Vern Hill. To this union a daughter, Vernice, was born. The couple first resided near Rorbeck, and later, in Marne. Ann was employed in Atlantic for several years, and eventually, settled on a farm near Brayton. There, she cared for her aging parents until their deaths. She worked as an Avon representative for over 35 years. Before becoming ill, Ann moved to a home in Elk Horn, where she resided until becoming a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in 1997. A lifelong Lutheran, Ann was a member of Exira Lutheran Church in Exira, and Bethany Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Ann died Feb. 5, 2003, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 91 years and 22 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Edna Young, an infant brother and two nephews. She is survived by her daughter, Vernice (Vernon) Vrtiska of Harlan; one nephew; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7, 2003, at Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton, with Rev. Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Bethany Cemetery with Dean Nelson, Charles Branstetter, Wayne Raasch, Tom Campbell, Vernon Venteicher and Paul Campbell casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

