

## Alice M. Jensen, 87

March 3, 1907 - Feb. 25, 1995

**Harlan** - Alice Marie (Christensen) Jensen, daughter of Niels Høgh and Anna Christine (Ibsen) Christensen was born at her parents home March 3, 1907 in Greeley Township, Shelby County. She was educated in Greeley No. 2 through the eighth grade and graduated from Manilla High School in 1924. She graduated from Normal Classes at Cedar Falls College in 1925. She then taught school in Greeley Township, Shelby County and Nishnabotna Township, Crawford County until her marriage.

Dec. 14, 1927 she married J. Sivert Jensen. They farmed until 1957, raised three sons, Robert L. of Dallas, James N. of Phoenix and Alan L., who is still on the farm in Greeley Township. She served as Girl's 4-H leader, helped start the Greeley Homemakers Club, was Easter Seal Chair of Greeley Township for seventeen years, School Secretary fifteen years, Township Republican Committee woman for twenty-eight years, Shelby County Sister Kenney Foundation one year, a charter member of the Shelby County Museum and of the Myrtue Memorial Hospital, where she, with fifteen other township women took tours when it was first opened. She is still a member of both. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star where she had been Worthy Matron, other offices, Grand Chapter committee member one year and held a three year commission as Grand Representative to Pennsylvania in Iowa. After the death of her husband in 1972, she became active in the Senior Citizens, serving as an advisory council member on the Policy Board of Area XIII, then trained as a Senior Advocate that she continued doing until her health deteriorated. She had been an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. First at Astor, then Irwin and since moving to Harlan, in 1957, to look after her aging father, has been active in Immanuel Lutheran Church. She served as Women's Chairman in all three churches, Sunday School Superintendent in Irwin and taught Sunday School in all three churches.



She had received many certificates of merit and honors for her work from the Governors of Iowa, the President of the United States and the Area XIII. Her most cherished honor was the plaque she received from the City of Harlan as a Citizen of the Year. She was also active in the Senior Center even naming it the Action Center. She worked really hard to get a meal site established in Harlan. In fact, she met with the Council and Mayor at every meeting until Mayor Orv Roecker suggested the Council go along with her and they found a location for one at the "Old Laurel School" and it is now a five day a week meal site. She died Feb. 25, 1995 at the Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 87 years, 11 months and 22 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband Sivert. Surviving are her three sons, Robert L. Jensen of Dallas, TX, James N. (Myra) Jensen of Phoenix, AZ, and Alan L. (Janet) Jensen of Manilla; nine granddaughters, eight great-grandsons, two great-granddaughters and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 1, 1995 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Carl Barnes, Geoffrey Hubbel, Gary Drees, William Savoie, Howard Kincaid and Timothy Hogue casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.