

Etta M. Jensen, 95

Oct. 3, 1898 - March 25, 1994

Harlan - Etta M. Jensen, youngest daughter of six children born to Jess and Bertha Marie (Jessen) Nielsen was born Oct. 3, 1898 near Defiance. She grew up on a farm in Shelby County, attending country school and normal training at Denison. In 1917, she began teaching school near Defiance.

She taught school until her marriage to Berg Jensen Jan. 2, 1924 in Harlan. They were the parents of three children, Anna Jean, Helen and William. They lived northwest of Defiance for four years, then moved to the Olin Ruffcorn farm. Berg died there in 1937. She remained on the farm with her children for eight years. Her mother, Bertha came to live with her to help with the children. They then moved to Harlan in 1945. Her mother continued to make her home with them until her death in 1952. In 1953, she moved to her home on Baldwin Street until entering the Elm Crest apartments in 1987. This was her home until becoming a resident of Baptist Memorial Home in 1992. She was a long time member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan where she also served 15 years as Sunday school superintendent and was Harlan's Mother-of-the-year in 1974. She was also a member of the Lebanon Chapter No. 8, Order of Eastern Star of Harlan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Berg, one brother Einar, three sisters Kristina, Anna and Rose and one son-in-law Marvin Kuhl. She is survived by her children Anna Jean (Richard) Smith of Overland Park, KS, Helen Kuhl of Cedar Rapids, and William (Gloria) Jensen of Leawood, KS, eight grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, one brother Alfred Nielsen of Harlan, nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 28, 1994 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.