

Ethel Janssen, 92

April 21, 1907 – July 26, 1999

HARLAN – Ethel Janssen, daughter of John H. and Wilamina (Trede) Dau, was born on a farm near Minden, April 21, 1907. She attended school in Minden and Shelby, and graduated from Shelby High School in 1924. She went on to attend Teachers Institute in Carroll. She taught rural school near Minden.

She married Wilhelm (Bill) Ernest Janssen Jan. 7, 1925, in Co. Bluffs. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Persia and Harlan areas. They retired in 1968, and moved into Harlan. Bill died April 26, 1978, in Harlan. Ethel became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home (Elm Crest Retirement Community) January 1987. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where she had been active in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Women and taught Sunday School for many years. She died July 26, 1999, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 92 years, three months and five days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Bill; one brother, Orville Dau; and an infant brother and sister. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Morgan of Harlan and Betty (Chris) Nelson of Baker, MT; one son, Harley (Marla) Janssen of Yuma, AZ; two sisters, Leota Weihe of Portland, OR and Maxine (Ed) Chamberlain of Chadron, NE; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; two step great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 30, 1999, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Benson at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan officiating. Casket bearers were Kent Morgan, Jason Morgan, Roy Fordyce, Bob Nelson, Mike Nelson and Jack Roane. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery in Minden.