

## Bernice Jensen, 87

*Dec. 28, 1915 - Jan. 2, 2003*

**HARLAN** — Bernice Roberta Jensen, daughter of Robert and Waive (Hanke) Meckes, was born Dec. 28, 1915, in Hinton. She was baptized at Hinton Methodist Church. She attended Ocheyedan High School and was a member of the graduating class of 1933.

Feb. 10, 1942, she married William Jensen at Council Bluffs. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Logan, Persia and Kirkman areas, before settling on a farm northeast of Harlan. Together they farmed and raised horses for 23 years. In 1975, they moved into Harlan. This was their home until 1977, when William became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, and Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. It was there that he died April 17, 1985. After his death, Bernice resided in Harlan, until April of 2001, when she entered Elm Crest Assisted Living. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She died Jan. 2, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years and five days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Survivors include her children, Sandra (Jim) Phelan of Austin, TX; William Jensen (Bev) of Harlan; Bonnie (Rick) Flynn of Ghent, KY; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; her sister, Maxine (Jim) Cecil of Spirit Lake; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 2003, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Kent Coffey officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Rick Flynn, Ken Bruck, Jim Phelan, Jim Cecil, Sr., and Ricky Flynn honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Robb Flynn, Darin Nichols, Rob Turner, Kyle Jensen, Rick Turner, Chad Jensen and Kevin Musich.

