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Edna Grace Karstens, 76

Aug. 27, 1914 — March 20, 1991

HARLAN — Edna Grace Karstens was born in Lincoln twp., Shelby county, Aug. 27, 1914. She was the daughter of Frederick and Louisa Schuster Boettger. She was one of eight children in the family. She attended country school near her home and completed her education in the Harlan Schools and graduated in 1931.

She married Harold Karstens Nov. 30, 1933 at Walnut. They farmed in the Walnut and Shelby areas until 1941 when they moved to their farm northeast of Avoca. They were the parents of one daughter, Ruth Ann. They retired from farming and moved to Harlan in Jan. of 1973. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, a member of the Women's Fellowship of the church, Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Federated Women's Club, Jim Beam Collectors Club, the Knox Homemakers Club and several card clubs. They had been married for more than 57 years. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, March 20, 1991 at age 76 years, 6 months and 21 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one infant granddaughter; two sisters, Louise Welch and Maria Buck Struss and four brothers, Frederick, William, Herman and Walter Boettger. Survivors are her husband, Harold of Harlan; their daughter, Ruth Ann (Doyce) Lockhart of Pasco, WA.; one grandson and one sister, Mrs Roy (Frieda) Hansen of Harlan; besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 23, 1991 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman and Mr Wayne Paulsen, lay assistant, officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Casketbearers were William Boettger, Richard Hansen, David Boettger, Jerry Bair, Gene Schuster and Charles Hayes. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.