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Margaret "Muggs" Larsen, 75

HARLAN - Margaret "Muggs" Louise Larsen, daughter of Nick and Rebecca (Rold) Sorenson, was born in Derby, KS., Dec. 29, 1913. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, May 27, 1989, at 75 years, four months and 28 days.

She was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville. As a young girl, she and her family moved to a farm near Cuppy's Grove and later to a farm near Kirkman where she continued to attend school. After school she worked in the telephone office at Kirkman. Oct. 1, 1929, she married Elmer "Sparky" Larsen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. This past Oct., they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. A son and daughter were born to this union.

After their marriage, they farmed in Polk Twp. and in 1935 moved to Harlan. She worked with her husband in the oil business as a bookkeeper and by 1939 they were the owners of two service stations. After retirement in 1955, they spent their winters in Brownsville, TX., and continued to reside in Harlan. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel and Ethel; and one brother, Leslie. Surviving are her husband, Elmer of Harlan; son, Dwayne of Avoca; daughter, Phyllis (Mrs Victor) Nelsen of Omaha, NE.; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; a sister, Jessie Jacobsen of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 29, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Otto Zwanziger, officiating. Burial in Harlan cemetery with Gary Stamp, Carl Jepsen, Norman Stamp, Ed Andreasen, James E. Schenck and Charles Ferguson serving as honorary casketbearers. Serving as casketbearers were Kirk Nelsen, John McGill, Brad Nelsen, Dave McGill, Bruce Nelsen, and Todd Larsen.