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Phyllis J. Larson, 69

May 12, 1925 - Jan. 2, 1995

Irwin - Phyllis Jean Larson, daughter of Mathies and Wilma (Ferry) Andersen was born May 12, 1925, near Jacksonville. She grew up on the farm and attended country school, graduating from Harlan High School in 1942. She was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. After school she received her teaching certificate and taught country school.

April 26, 1945 she married Richard "Dick" Larson at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they resided in Irwin. After the death of her husband Aug. 31, 1986, she continued to make her home in Irwin. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin and the United Methodist Women, the Irwin American Legion, Austin Earl Hiatt Post #614 Auxiliary and the Library and Historical Society. She belonged to the Rural mail carriers auxiliary and enjoyed her card clubs. She was also employed for many years as a clerk in the Spurgeons Store in Harlan. She died Jan. 2, 1995 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 69 years, seven months and 21 days.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her father, and one daughter Paulene. She is survived by her children Paul (Vicki) Larson of Holstein; Mark (Becky) Larson of Irwin; Jill Larson of Tucson, AZ; Alan R. (Nancy) Larson of Irwin; 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; her mother Wilma Andersen of Harlan; and her brother Keith (Marilyn) Andersen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 1995 at the Irwin United Methodist Church with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery at Irwin with Gage Larson, Gabriel Nelson, Jason Larson, Jacob Larson, Andrew Larson, Robert Schiernbeck and Christopher Larson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.