

## Jane Larsen, 86

May 18, 1921 - June 24, 2007

**HARLAN** — Jane Ellen Larsen was born in North Dakota on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation May 18, 1921, the daughter of Fred and Evelyn Davis. While she was still a baby her family moved back to Audubon County. She started school in Ross; later she attended a country school south of Audubon, then a country school near the old Gardner Store ten miles east of Hamlin. Jane attended high school in Audubon, where she met her future husband, Lawrence. While in Audubon she worked for the Soil Conservation Office and the real estate and insurance firm of Garute, Cramer and Johnson. Then she attended Drake University and later transferred to the University of Iowa where she worked in the statistical services department and the University Hospital.



Dec. 27, 1943, Jane married Lawrence Larsen and followed him with his Army transfer to Spokane, WA, where their first child was born in 1947, Barbara (Boeck). Then they moved to Fort Knox until her husband was transferred to Japan with the occupation troops. She and her daughter spent that time back in Audubon. After Lawrence's return from Japan they were stationed in Battle Creek, MI, where their first son, David, was born in 1949. After her husband's discharge from the army they moved to Harlan in 1949; where she has lived ever since. Their second son, Robert, was born here in 1950. Jane was on the board of directors for the Iowa State Medical Auxiliary for many years, and served as the vice president as well. She and her husband have been members of Immanuel Lutheran Church since they first moved to Harlan. She was one of the original members of the Harlan Review Club. For many years she and her husband had a summer home on Blanche Lake, MN. She died June 24, 2007 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs at age 84.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson, Christopher P. Larsen. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; her daughter, Barbara Boeck of Woodbine; her sons, David Larsen of Kalona, and Bob Larsen of Irvine, CA; her sisters, Martha Renflee of Indianola; Mary Conklin of Grand Island, NE; and JoAnn Patrick of Carson; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were held June 27, 2007 at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Steve Chellev officiating. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan in charge of arrangements.