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## Laura Mae Larson, 80

*Jan. 23, 1914 - Feb. 1, 2004*

**KIRKMAN** – Laura Mae Larson, the daughter of Elmer C. and Jenny Ethel (Norgaard) Pedersen, was born Jan. 23, 1914, in Harlan. She was raised in Harlan and attended Harlan schools through the ninth grade. For a time, she worked cleaning houses for people.

Sept. 12, 1953, Laura Mae married Clifford R. Larson in Harlan. The couple lived away from the Harlan area for several years, and returned to settle in Kirkman in 1962. Clifford died July 21, 1984, in Omaha, NE. Laura Mae remained in her home until November 2002, when she became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community. She died Feb. 1, 2004, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 90 years and nine days.

Preceding Laura Mae in death were her parents; her husband, Clifford R. Larson; two brothers, Richard Pedersen and Charlie Pedersen; and two daughters, Roxann Schultz and one infant daughter. She is survived by one son, Roger (Cindy) Larson of Defiance; one sister, Bernadine (Virgil) Wiley of Irwin; one brother, Howard Pedersen of Harlan; one grandson, Cory Schultz of Oregon; and other relatives.

A prayer service was held Feb. 4, 2004, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Merlene Ostebee of Peace Lutheran Church officiating. Casket bearers were Steve Barratt, Rae Zimmerman, Marvin Gross, Mark Feller and Gary Wiley. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman.