

Ruth Larson, 82

Nov. 21, 1915 - April 7, 1998

HARLAN - Leona Ruth Larson, daughter of Clarence and Lena (Christensen) Doonan, was born Nov. 21, 1915, in Jackson Township, rural Shelby County. She attended Rose Hill #2 country school near Prairie Rose Lake, and finished the eighth grade. She helped out at home, and then did housework for room and board while working as a telephone operator.

Feb. 8, 1940, she married Ray H. Larson at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parsonage in Harlan. The couple briefly farmed southeast of Manilla, and then for many years in Shelby County, first near Elk Horn, then near Kirkman, and later near Corley. They became residents of the Salem Lutheran Home in 1995. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, and several community clubs. She helped with the farm work in every way. She died April 7, 1998, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, four months and 17 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and one sister, Mildred (Mrs. Mervin) Schnack. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Ray Larson of Salem Lutheran Home; one son, Merle (Veva) Larson of Oakland; one daughter, Donna Rae (David) Anderson of Denison; four grandchildren, Staci (Randy) Rohlk, Greg Anderson, Beth Larson and Joy Larson; one great grandson, Jordan Rohik, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 10, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Dalton Jensen, Rev. David Erickson, Craig Clemons, Carl Peters, Bruce Bruck and Carlyle Larson. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.