

Stella Mickelson, 93

HARLAN — Stella Mickelson, daughter of George and Mary (Bjerg) Arentson was born on a farm in the Cuppy Grove area of Shelby County, on Feb. 7, 1894. She was baptized in Altamont Baptist Church, attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. She attended Normal College in Harlan, and taught school in the Shelby County area.

On Dec. 30, 1920, she married George Mickelson at the Baptist Parsonage in Harlan. One son was born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Harlan area for five or 6 years before George entered the ministry. They served churches in South Dakota and Wisconsin before retiring and moving back to Harlan in 1958. After the death of George on Oct. 9, 1893, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home and it was there that she died on Jan. 25, 1988 at age 93 years, 11 months and 18 days. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Elk Horn.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, James, Martin, Elmer and Eddie; and two sisters, Anna and Rosa. She is survived by a son, Harold of St. Croix Falls, WI; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Jan. 28, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Marcum of First Baptist Church in Elk Horn and Pastor A.B. Neuenschwander of New Testament Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Verl Arentson, Dale Arentson, Gene Arentson, Alan Mickelson, Lynn Mickelson and Stanley Christensen serving as casket bearers.