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## **Ella McKeig, 86**

**Feb. 23, 1906 — Jan. 15, 1993**

**HARLAN** — Ella Petra McKeig, daughter of Peter and Anna (Petersen) Hoegh was born Feb. 23, 1906 at Brayton. She died Jan. 15, 1993, at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, at age 86 years, 10 months and 23 days. As a small child, she moved with her family to Elk Horn. She graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1925, and then attended Jennie Edmundson School of Nursing in Co. Bluffs.

July 23, 1931, she married Delbert McKeig of Lincoln, NE. After their marriage, they farmed for a short time near Corley. Around 1940, they moved to Harlan where she continued her nursing career as a registered nurse in each hospital. She accompanied the first patient moved to the Myrtue Memorial Hospital from the old hospital on Farnam Street. She also accompanied many patients from Harlan to hospitals in Omaha. After the death of her husband, Sept. 20, 1966, she continued to reside in her home in Harlan until Oct. of 1990, when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Harlan and the United Methodist Women Society as well as the Shelby County Historical Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Edna Sorensen. She is survived by a sister, Marie Van Patter of Iowa Falls; nieces and nephews and other relatives. Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 1993 at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Don Schoepf of the First Christian Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Gaillard Heflin, Glenn Zimmerman, Randy Mosher, Jack H. Christensen, Ron Ellsworth and Dale Lambertson casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.