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Esther Nelson, 82

Feb. 17, 1908 — Jan. 31, 1991

HARLAN — Esther Nelson, the daughter of Niels and Kristine Jensen Svendsen, was born Feb. 17, 1908 in Harlan. She died at her home in Cresthaven, near Harlan, Jan. 31, 1991, 18 days before her 83rd birthday. As a young girl she moved with her parents for a short time to Sanborn, MN., where she attended school. She returned to the Fiscus area where she completed her education in Audubon county.

June 5, 1929, she married Harry Nelson at her parents home in Audubon county. Three daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed the Church Hill Farm near Fiscus until 1973 when they moved to Cresthaven near Harlan. She continued to make this her home after her husband's death Sept. 23, 1980. Her faith was evidenced in her church activities at Merrill's Grove Baptist Church including teaching Sunday school, Bible school and B.Y.F.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Vera Jensen and her brother, Lehman Swensen. Survivors include her daughter, Rosella (Sally) (Jerome) Frampton of Clear Lake; Bonnie (Robert) Burton of Irwin, and Luetta Moore of Harlan; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Lucile (Donald) Firebaugh of Panora; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 1991, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff Nelsen of First Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating, assisted by Rev. Vince Nelson. Burial was in Merrill's Grove cemetery with Jason D. Moore, William P. Weber, Bradley J. Archer, Mark A. Frampton, Steven J. Frampton, and Rowland D. Burton, casketbearers.