

Marie Anna Pedersen, 84

April 4, 1912 - Dec. 18, 1996

HARLAN - Marie Anna Pedersen, daughter of Mads and Anna Johansen Nielsen, was born April 4, 1912, in Casey. She was raised in the Hancock and Shelby areas, where she attended school through the tenth grade.

Oct. 7, 1930, she married Carl Stender. After his death, she worked at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. It was there that she met Howard Pedersen, who often came to visit relatives who resided at the Home.

Nov. 9, 1963, she married Howard in Blair, NE. The couple made their home in Harlan. She had recently become a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died at Little Flower Haven in Earling Dec. 18, 1996, at age 84 years, eight months and 14 days.

Preceding her death were her parents; one half-brother, Soren Johansen; and two brothers, John Nielsen and Louie Nielsen. Survivors include her husband, Howard Pedersen of Harlan; one daughter, Jean (Jerry) Aukland of Fremont, CA; one brother, Charlie (Doris) Nielsen of Shelby; two sisters, Scena Lucke of Minden and Nina Rihner of Shelby; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Lester Peters, Jim Jacobsen, Harlan Simonds, Charlie Conrad, Harvey Anderson and Glenn Zimmerman. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, Harlan. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

