

Bessie Rogers, 87

May 3, 1909-May 15, 1996

Manilla - Bessie Irene Rogers, daughter of Arthur and Nellie (Lawless) Rogers was born May 3, 1909 in Fairview Township, Shelby County. She attended country school in Fairview Township. After school she worked in her home until moving to Omaha where she became employed at St. James Orphanage. She remained at this position until her retirement. In 1984 she moved to Harlan to make her home, and in 1990 became a resident of the Manilla Manor in Manilla. It was there that she died May 15, 1996 at age 87 years and 12 days.

In addition to her parents, Bessie was preceded in death by a brother, Phil Rogers, a sister, Mary Swensen in May of 1994, a brother-in-law, Gottlieb Swensen in 1964 and a nephew, Gaylord Swensen in July of 1994. She is survived by her nephew, Levi (Jeanette) Swensen of Elk Horn, and her niece Dorothy Swensen of Carter Lake, three great nieces and 14 great great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held May 18, 1996 at the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca with Rev. Roger Crawford of the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan officiating. Casket bearers were Kelly Jacobsen, Hollie Jacobsen, John Schechinger, Jacob Schechinger, Allison Schechinger and Jessica Schechinger. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.