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Eileen Eleanor Rasmussen, 78

March 25, 1920 - Jan. 4, 1999

HARLAN - Eileen Eleanor Rasmussen, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Floy Belle (Hon) Obrecht, was born March 25, 1920 in rural Harlan. She attended country schools and then graduated from Harlan High School in 1937. After attending Burroughs Business School in Co. Bluffs, she worked as a bookkeeper for Northern Natural Gas in Omaha.

Jan. 14, 1943 she married Robert Glenn Rasmussen at the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha. The couple lived in Harlan. After the couple's six children were grown, she worked at Moran's Dry Cleaning in Harlan. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, and was active with the Immanuel Lutheran Church Women. She taught Sunday School when the church was located in downtown Harlan. She died Jan. 4, 1999 at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 78 years, 9 months and 10 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Glenn, April 2, 1995, and one brother, Jerald Obrecht. Survivors include four daughters, Sherry (Lloyd "Bud") Hintz of Omaha, Glenna Rasmussen of Harlan, Mary (Dean) Petersen of Audubon, and Janet (Kevin) Kaufman of Co. Bluffs; two sons, Galen (Christine) Rasmussen of Overland Park, KS and Craig (Mary) Rasmussen of Loveland, OH; one sister, Beverly Barrett of Brandon, SD; three brothers, Max (Carole) Obrecht of Bellevue, NE, Gene Obrecht of Lincoln, and Jaime (Ada) Obrecht of Aurora, CO; 13 grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7, 1999 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Sherry Hintz, Glenna Rasmussen, Mary Petersen, Janet Kaufman, Galen Rasmussen and Craig Rasmussen. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

