

Edna J. Smith, 92

June 25, 1906 - April 28, 1999

HARLAN – Edna J. Smith, daughter of Peter and Stine (Gregersen) Jensen, was born June 25, 1906, at Defiance. She was baptized Jan. 16, 1908, in Defiance and was confirmed Nov. 13, 1921, at Astor. She attended school in Defiance and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Dec. 8, 1928, she married Sam Guthrie Smith at the Defiance Methodist Church parsonage. The couple farmed near Defiance for a few years before moving to a farm near Irwin where they farmed for 20 years. In 1955, they moved to a farm near Audubon, making this their home until they retired in 1963 and moved to Harlan. She was employed in the kitchen at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. After Sam's death July 19, 1990, she moved to the Westridge Apartments. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. She became a resident of Little Flower Haven in January of 1999, and this is where she died April 28, 1999, at age 92 years, ten months and three days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Darwin; an infant grandson; her brothers and sisters, Mary Johnson, Clara Knudson, Andrew Jensen, Freda Henry, Chris Jensen, Ethel Scott, Elmer Jensen and Donald Jensen. She is survived by her children, Duane Smith (Dorothy) of Ozark, MO; Lorraine (Norman) Christiansen of Denison; Dale Smith (Jeanette) of Sterling, CO; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Ruby Jensen of Des Moines; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 1, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dan Smith, Mark Christiansen, Todd Smith, Keith Smith, Craig Christiansen, Brian Smith and Gary Christiansen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

