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Laurine Whitson, 79

August 24, 1915-May 24, 1995

Harlan - Laurine Christensen Whitson, daughter of Andrew and Kathryn (Prendall) Christensen was born Aug. 24, 1915 on a farm near Harlan. She attended school in Kirkman and graduated in 1934. After school she helped on her father's farm.

She married Norris Riley Whitson April 26, 1943 in Omaha, and continued to reside on the farm where she had been raised. They had two sons and three daughters. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church before she became a charter member of First Baptist Church in Harlan. She loved teaching Sunday School, Bible School, singing in the choir and attending Farther Lights. After the death of her husband Dec. 22, 1977, she continued to reside on the farm. She was able to stay in her home with her son Roger caring for her. It was there that she died on May 24, 1995 at age 79 years and nine months.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a younger sister, Adeline and her husband Norris. She is survived by her five children, Gloria (Carl) Palmer of Twin Falls, ID; Barbara (Dick) Kunz of West Jordan, UT; and Mary Whitson of Denison; Roger Whitson of Harlan, and Larry Whitson; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Also one sister, Lucille (Richard) Pedersen of Ankeny; nieces and nephews and other relatives. A private service was held.