

Clara May Wilhelmsen, 92

Aug. 29, 1901 - Oct. 22, 1993

Harlan-- Clara May Wilhelmsen, daughter of John and Ida (Fiscus) Michaelson, was born Aug. 29, 1901 on her family's farm near Redline. She died Oct. 22, 1993 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 92 years, 1 month, 23 days. She grew up on her family's farm and attended grade school at Polk Twp. No. 8 before her family moved to Phoenix, AZ where she finished high school and attended business college graduating with high honors. After graduation, she worked in Phoenix as a bookkeeper for several years before moving to CA and later to Harlan where she was also employed as a bookkeeper.

After moving to Harlan, she married Walter Wilhelmsen April 12, 1937 in Harlan. Together they operated Walter's Cafe on the west side of Harlan's square for many years. She was a past member of the Red Line Church of Christ and after moving to Harlan, she became a member of the Harlan Church of Christ. In 1987 she moved to the Baptist home and that was her home up to the time of her death.

Preceding her in death were her parents, John and Ida (Fiscus) Michaelson, a brother Lester Michaelson and a sister, Ada Howland. survivors are her cousins Golden Thraen of NJ; Jessie Vithen of Harlan; Glen Roberts, Iowa City; Richard and Charles Wooster of Manning; Nellie Christensen, Elk Horn; Dale Fiscus, Globe, AZ and Evelyn Petersen, Kirkman.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25, 1993 at Pauley Funeral Home with Dan Wright of the Harlan Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in the Redline cemetery with Dr. G.W. Jorgensen, Charles Wooster, Jr., Amond Ohms, Richard D. Wooster, Marlin L. Petersen and Ralph Nelson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.