

**Irma White, 97** ✓**Dec. 3, 1918 - April 10, 2016**

**HARLAN** — Irma Marie White was born on December 3, 1918 in Jackson Township to Jens and Mary Ann "Mamie" (Petersen) Albertsen. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, where she remained a life-long member. She attended country school at Jackson No. 2, went to Harlan High School, and graduated from Audubon High School with the Class of 1936. After graduation, Irma spent several years working for various relatives, helping with the children and housework.



October 9, 1946, Irma was united in marriage to Nicholas White in a double wedding ceremony with Norma and Verner Arnvig in Jacksonville. Two children were born to them: Sharon and John. They farmed on the White family farm with Nick's father and twin brother James until 1954 when a portion of the farm was used to form Prairie Rose. They moved to a farm west of Jacksonville where Irma raised chickens and helped her husband on the farm.

She loved to crochet, making many afghans for her family members, was an active member of the women's circle at church, was always willing to help people, and enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. After she and Nick moved to Harlan in 1981, she held many women's Bible studies for friends from different area churches. Through the years, Irma and Nick enjoyed singing and sang at various events. After Nick's death in 2010, she still enjoyed singing hymns until days before her death on Sunday, April 10, 2016. She had attained the age of ninety-seven years, four months, and seven days.

Irma was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Nick. She is survived by her daughter Sharon and her husband John Davenport of Victoria, MN; son John White and his wife Lynne of Jacksonville; seven grandchildren: Hava Dennler, Hali and Jared Johnson and Joel White and his wife Catherine, Jaurel and her husband Brian Grote, Jeffrey White and his wife Abby, and Jacie White; four great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiated the 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Honorary casket bearers were Harold Pieper, Lyle Knudsen, Donald Dahloff, Gary Larsen, James Kemp, John Christensen, and Derald Kumm. Serving as casket bearers were Jeffrey White, Joel White, Brian Grote, Bob Larson, Steve "Barney" Ahrenholtz, Dan Knudsen, and Jared Johnson. Burial was held at the Jacksonville Cemetery.

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