



THE LIFE STORY OF —

Vera K. Andersen, 79

Vera Kathryn Andersen, the daughter of George and Bertha (Sorenson) Barratt was born Oct. 24, 1906 on a farm in Jackson Twp., near Bowman's Grove in Shelby Co. She died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan on Nov. 1, 1985, at the age of 79 years and 8 days.

In 1917, she moved with her parents to a farm southeast of Irwin. She accepted the Lord at the age of 15, and was then a member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist church.

On April 4, 1929, she married Niels K. Andersen at the Merrill's Grove Parsonage by Rev. Andrew Petersen. One son, LaRue was born to this union. After they were married, they farmed near Merrill's Grove until 1944, when they moved to a farm just west of Harlan. Following the death of Vera's sister, Mildred, they made a home for their 2½ month old niece, Loretta Mae Sorenson. After he died on May 19, 1977, she continued to make her home on the farm.

She was a member of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan until Aug. of 1972, when she became a member of the Calvary Baptist church in Walnut.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Christopher Andersen; two sisters, Mildred and Kathleen; and one brother, Leonard. She is survived by one son, LaRue Andersen and his wife, Bettie of Shelby; one foster daughter, Loretta (Mrs Irvin) Eldridge of Cayuga, Indiana; 13 grandchildren and 9 great grand-

children; three sisters, Helen (Mrs Adolph) Peterson of LaBolt, S.D.; Ethel (Mrs George C.) Rasmussen of Ava, Mo.; and Beulah (Mrs Marinus) Andersen of Exira; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 4, 1985 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Max Bowlin of the Calvary Baptist church in Walnut, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan, with Harold Nissen, Horace Graves, Stanley S. Hansen, John Andersen, George Sorenson and Robert D. Christensen all serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home handled the arrangements.