

Gertrude Donahue, 98

Harlan — Gertrude Anna Donahue, daughter of James and Elizabeth Franciscus Baker, was born at Grinnell, on Oct. 24, 1881. She attended school in Grinnell until the family moved to Turin, in 1894, where she completed her education and grew to adulthood.

On Feb. 2, 1902, she married Martin Fymbo in Turin. Four children were born to this union. They farmed in Monona county for a number of years. After his death in Feb. of 1926, Gertrude moved into Onawa, where she operated the Onawa cafe until 1929 when she moved to Harlan. She then operated the Harlan cafe.

On Jan. 11, 1929, she married John J. Donahue in Omaha, Neb. They made their home in Harlan and Gertrude continued to operate the Harlan cafe until retiring in 1945. She continued to make her home in Harlan until 1977 when she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn and this has been her home since that time. It was here that she died Sunday, Feb. 24, 1980, at age 98 years and four months. She had been a long time member of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Gertrude was preceded in death by six brothers - Peter, Nick, Charles, George, Edward and William; and a sister - Kate. Survivors include a son, James Fymbo, of Harlan; three daughters - Mabel (Mrs Ray) Barnett and Marie Parent, of Harlan and Goldie Roth of Downey, Calif.; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; by a sister, Mabel Hunter of Yuma, Colo.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1980, with Pastor J. Harry Thomsen, Chaplain of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Onawa cemetery, with Don Blakely, Philip Phelps, Gus Sinct III, Robert Gregory, Urban M. Peterson, and Arnold C. Christensen serving as casket-bearers.
