

daughter of Soren and Anna Marie (Michalson) Hansen was born in Svdstrup, Denmark on Febr. 28, 1895. She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on June 26, 1977, at age 82 years three months and 28 days. Matie attended school and grew to adulthood in Denmark. She came to the U.S. in March of 1909 and settled in Shelby county. She was baptized in the Merrill's Grove Baptist church in July of 1912. On Sept. 27, 1922, she married Elmer Hansen at her parent's home in Shelby county. One daughter was born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Hansen farmed near Fiscus. They moved to Colo. in 1936 and this was their home until 1940 when they returned to Iowa and resumed farming near Fiscus. In 1944 they moved to Harlan and after Mr Hansen's death in 1966, Matie continued to make her home in Harlan. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in May of 1977 and this has been her home since that time. Mrs Hansen has been a member of the First Baptist church in Elk Horn, since 1969.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Hansen. Her survivors include her daughter, Opal (Mrs Daryl Jensen) of Harlan; a grandson, Arlin Jensen of rural Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at

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Johnson, pastor of the Mingo Bible church of Colby, Kans., officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with C.W. Nelson, Joe Reynolds, Clarence Cook, Carl Norgaard, Roy W. Wittrup and Arnold Knudtson serving as honorary bearers and Ed Mathiasen, Wayne Hansen, Wesley Hansen, LuVerne Hansen, Harry Ahrenholtz and Stanley S. Hansen serving as casketbearers.