

The Life Story of—

**ELLA H. KROGER, 74**

Ella Helena Kroger, daughter of John and Emma Bosche Brensel, was born near Manilla, on Dec. 16, 1900. She died at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Jan. 4, 1975, just 18 days after her 74th birthday. She was baptized in the Manilla Lutheran church and attended school in the Manilla area. On June 25, 1919 she married Thomas C. Kroger at Carroll. To this union 12 children were born. After their marriage Mr and Mrs Kroger lived in Harlan for nine years before moving to Audubon. This was their home until Oct. of 1954, when they moved back to Harlan. After Mr Kroger's death on July 28, 1966, Mrs Kroger continued to make her home here in Harlan.

In addition to her husband Tom, she was preceded in death by her sons - Harold and James; a daughter - Mrs Lillian Roberts; her parents; one grandson; a great granddaughter; three brothers - Raymond, Alfred and Earl Brensel and one sister - Edna. She is survived by six daughters - Esther (Mrs Harvey Sutton) of Harlan, Violet (Mrs Lyle Vore) of Harlan, Fern (Mrs Kent Parkhurst) of Harlan, Darlene (Mrs John Hansen) of Audubon, Beverly (Mrs Donald Obermeir) of Audubon and Marilyn (Mrs Gerald Anderson) of Harlan; three sons - Kenneth of Austin, Tex., and Darold and Louis of Harlan; 60 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren; by five sisters - Mrs Lillian Norris of Harlan, Alice (Mrs George Lohse) of Fremont, Minn., Viola (Mrs Harry Fry) of Audubon, Laverne (Mrs Willie Larsen) of Audubon, and Irene (Mrs Thomas Thomsen) of Dow City, and two brothers - Ed Brensel of Onalaska, Wis., and Harold Brensel of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1975 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor John Mohr officiating. Burial was in the Manning cemetery with Charles Parkhurst, Wayne Fink, Ray Gardner, Roy Schmidt, Richard Gaul, Ronald Nollen and Glen Erlbacher serving as pallbearers.