

The Life Story of —

ELSIE M. MICHAELSON, 81

Elsie Mabel Michaelson, daughter of Enoch and Carrie Gunderson Erickson, was born Mar. 13, 1894 in Shelby county. She died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, on Jan. 28, 1976, at age 81 years, 10 months and 15 days. She grew to adulthood on her parent's farm and attended country school. After attending college in Harlan, she taught school for seven years in the Shelby county area. Mrs Michaelson was baptized in the Baptist church and for many years has been a member of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan. On Aug. 26, 1918 she married Martin Mortensen. To this union three children were born. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Mortensen farmed in Shelby county. After Mr Mortensen's death in 1939, Elsie moved to 1803 - 6th St. in Harlan.

On June 6, 1946 she married Sam C. Michaelson at the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Michaelson continued to make their home in Harlan. Mr Michaelson died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Feb. 11, 1962.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, James G. Custer in 1963; one sister, Emma Peterson; and one brother, Edward Erickson. Her survivors include three children - Ila (Mrs Glade Custer) of Longmont, Colo., James Mortensen of Leawood, Kans., and Marjorie (Mrs Ralph Hansen) of Walnut six grandchildren; six step children - Esther (Mrs Anton Petersen) of Walnut, Norma (Mrs Neil Christensen) of Pompano Beach, Fla., Geraldine (Mrs William R. Jensen), John Michaelson, Gertrude (Mrs Lowell Jensen), and George Michaelson all of Monrovia, Calif.; 9 step grandchildren; and 11 step great grandchildren; by two sisters - Jessie (Mrs Nels Block) and Bessie (Mrs Lars Olsen) of Harlan, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Saturday, Jan. 31, 1976 with Rev. A. B. Neuenschwander, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Gene Block, Bruce Hansen, Steve Hansen, Jim Mortensen, Nels Block Jr., and Arthur W. Anderson serving as casketbearers.
