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Aasta Swift, 83

Aasta Boysen Swifth, daughter of Kristina Schack and Andrew Boysen was born April 15, 1900 at Atlantic. She grew up in Harlan, graduated from the Harlan high school and the University of Iowa with a degree in Home Economics. She taught home economics, history and English for part of a year in Lake City.

On Nov. 29, 1922, she married Russell F. Swift at Harlan and to this union four children were born. They resided in Harlan until 1944, when they moved to Des Moines where her husband was employed with the State of Iowa. In 1960, they returned to Harlan.

She was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal church of Harlan where she was active in her church Guild. She was a member of the P.E.O., the Delta Gamma Fraternity and liked to play bridge with her Thursday Bridge club. She died on May 22, 1983, at the Northwest Community hospital in Arlington Heights, Ill. at the age of 83 years, 1 month and 7 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Russell in 1977; one son, Russell Allan in 1978 and one brother, Alfred Boysen, Survivors include one son, Freeman (Virginia) of Edina, Minn.; two daughters, Nancy (Richard) Onnen, of Arlington Heights, Ill. and Cynthia (William) Murphy of Spencer and one brother, Harold Boysen of King City, Oreg. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 26, 1983 at the St. Paul's Episcopal church in Harlan with Fr. Glenn Rankin, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Max Bacon, Curran Swift, Russell Pope, H.W. Ouren, William D. Murphy and Dean Frederickson serving as pallbearers.