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## **Meta Jensine Pedersen, 89<sup>3</sup>**

**April 30, 1904 - March 7, 1994**

Harlan - Meta Jensine Pedersen, the daughter of Peter and Kirsten (Hansen) Jorgensen, was born April 30, 1904, in Rural Gray, Iowa. She attended country schools through the eighth grade, and worked as a hired girl for various families. On January 21, 1928, Meta married Marius A. Pedersen in Audubon, Iowa. They farmed near Gray, and then in the Kimballton area. After Marius' death on May 29, 1937, Meta moved to Kimballton where she worked as a domestic. The family moved to Harlan in 1944, where she was employed in the dry-cleaning, restaurant, and child care businesses. Recently, Meta had moved to Manilla Manor, where she lived until her death.

Meta was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan.

Meta J. Pedersen died on Monday, March 7, 1994, at Manilla Manor in Manilla, Iowa, at the age of 89 years, 10 months, and 5 days.

Preceding Meta in death were her parents, her husband, two brothers, and two sisters. Survivors include three daughters, Martha (Robert) McCord and Clara (Harlan) Simonds, both of Harlan, and Ethel (George) White of Elyria, Ohio; one son, Morris Pedersen of Los Angeles, California; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 11, 1994, at Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, with Rev. Jon Benson presiding. Sheryl Dinklage served as the organist, and Diane Kastens and Forrest Petersen served as vocalists. Casket bearers were Clark Steen, Jon Noon, Martinus Christensen, Robert Madsen, Merle Winther, and Emmert Steen. Interment was in Immanuel Lutheran cemetery in Kimballton. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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