

Elizabeth M. Schaffert, '98

SHELBY — Elizabeth Margaret Schaffert was born in Hayes County, NE on Dec. 28, 1888. She was the daughter of Jacob and Louisa Reutter Schaffert. She was one of six children in the family. As a child she moved, with her family, to Shelby. She attended school in Shelby and graduated with the class of 1910.

Betsy, as she was fondly called by her many friends, took her nurses training at the Iowa Methodist hospital in Des Moines. After her graduation, she remained at the hospital for several years, until moving to Sacramento, CA. She worked there at the Sutters hospital for 15 years. She then returned to Iowa and worked as the Head Nurse at the Iowa Tuberculosis hospital in Oakdale. Her last years of working was spent at Myrtue hospital in Harlan. After her retirement, she made her home in Royal, in the home of a family friend. Due to her failing health she returned to Shelby to make her home with her sisters, Katherine and Emma, until 1977 when she became a resident of the Baptist Home in Harlan. She was a member of the Shelby Presbyterian church.

She died at Myrtue hospital in Harlan, June 12, 1987, after a long illness at age 98 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Willie and one sister, Anna Schaffert. She is survived by her three sisters, Katherine Schaffert and Emma Ploen both living in Shelby and Lydia Fogarty of Grand Island, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were June 15, 1987 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca with Rev. Robert McCleery, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with George Eble, Jesse Pike, Robert Schuster, Melvin Hursey, Richard Dea and Ronald Eggers serving as casketbearers.