

Laretta Strissel, 75

July 5, 1923 – April 18, 1999

DENISON – Laretta Sophia Marie Strissel was born July 5, 1923, the daughter of Fred and Ella Haase Arnold, on the Arnold family farm south of Denison and was baptized Sept. 2, 1923. She later reaffirmed her faith through her confirmation vows, celebrated at Zion March 21, 1937. She received her education in a rural school near her home. After completing her education, she helped her family on the home farm.

Nov. 12, 1939, she married Fritz Strissel at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison by the Rev. C.W. Schmidt. The couple settled on the Strissel farm where Fritz had been farming since 1933. They were blessed with the birth of four children. In 1985, the couple retired from farming, but remained on the home place. She died at her home near Denison, April 18, 1999, at age 75.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Judith and Janet; and her husband, Fritz in 1993; and one brother, Elmer Arnold in 1964. Survivors include two sons, Jerry (Dorothy) Strissel of Harlan; Daniel Strissel of Denison; three granddaughters, Shannon Strissel of Boone and her fiancée, Aaron Smith of Harlan; Vicki Smith (Brad) of Phoenix, AZ; Jeri Strissel of Harlan and one sister-in-law, Phyllis Auen (Orville) of Denison; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 21, 1999, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Denison, with Rev. Kurt Kaiser and Rev. Daniel Gifford officiating. Burial was in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Outhouse, Merlin Arnold, Miles Rohan, Louis Poggensee, Russell Dillavou and James Leinen. Walter A. Huebner & Sons Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

