

Irene Jacobsen, 88

Jan. 5, 1914 - Dec. 14, 2002

HARLAN – Irene Caroline Ehlers Jacobsen was born Jan. 5, 1914, near Minden, the daughter of William and Dora Purring Ehlers. She was baptized and confirmed in the Minden Congregational Church. Irene attended Minden School through ninth grade. She helped her grandfather mow grass on the cemetery and also did housecleaning in Minden.

She married Elmer Jacobsen Feb. 6, 1935, in Minden. They lived in Avoca, Minden and Council Bluffs, before moving to Tama in 1940. Aug. 3, 1938, a son, Gary Dean, was born to this union. After moving to Tama, Irene worked at a Rexall Drug Store for many years. She was a member and leader of the Ladies Auxillary Fraternal Order of Eagles in Tama. She also was a member of the Lutheran Church in Tama. After losing her husband and son in 1971, she moved to Walnut to be with family. She lived at Peace Haven a while and then moved to the Elm Crest Home in Harlan in 1986. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Dec. 14, 2002, at age 88 years, 11 months and nine days.

Her parents, husband, Elmer; son, Gary Dean; and one sister, Margaret Schuning, preceded her in death. She is survived by her niece, Sharon Mangiameli of Fountain, CO; nephews, George Kardell of Dallas, TX and Derald Schuning (Darlene) of Harlan; and many great and great great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 2002, at the Knutson Funeral Home with Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Richard Schuning, Raymond Freese, Todd Hansen, Calvin Nielsen and Pat McKeighan.