

## **Viola B. Larsen, 88**

*Oct. 10, 1913 – March 7, 2002*

**AUDUBON** – Viola Belle Larsen, daughter of Leslie and Florence Luxford Harrison, was born Oct. 10, 1913, near St. Mary's in Warren County. She was baptized at the Baptist Church in Harlan. She attended grade school in Anita, and Powder River, WY. At age 12, she moved from Wyoming to care for her Grandmother Luxford in Harlan. She then graduated from Harlan High School with the Class of 1934.

June 1, 1935, she married Harold D. Larsen in Council Bluffs. Two daughters, Violet and Donna, were born to this union. They moved to Coon Rapids, where they owned and operated the Corner Café for several years. They sold the restaurant and moved to Harlan where they purchased the Wee Wash It Laundry. They operated the laundry until they sold it and moved to Audubon in 1968. Viola was employed by the Friendship Home where she worked in the laundry until she retired. During their retirement they spent their winters in Texas for about five years. Due to failing health, they moved to the Friendship Home in February of 2001. Viola was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Audubon. She died March 7, 2002, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 88 years, four months and 27 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her brothers and sisters, Mildred Johnson, Marie Johnson, George Harrison, Byron Harrison, Gail Harrison, Raymond Harrison and an infant brother, Norval Harrison. Survivors are her husband, Harold D. Larsen of Audubon; her daughters and their husbands, Violet (Ron) Hansen of Lincoln, NE and Donna (Bob) Weis of Harlan; her grandchildren, Kim (Bill) Booth of New York; David (Andrea) Hansen of Rhode Island; Michelle (Tim) Stortz of Kansas; Jennifer (Jon) Borgman of Harlan; Angie Rust of Carroll; Jim Weis and Mike Weis of Harlan; her great grandchildren, Emily Booth and Spencer Booth; Brielle Hansen and Hunter Hansen; Chandler Stortz and Paige Stortz; Ashley Rust; Justina Borgman; her sisters, Velma Clausen of Wyoming and Ruby (Allen) Christensen of Anita; her sisters-in-law, Ruth Harrison of Anita; Gladys Larsen of Coon Rapids; Helen Kopaska of Adair and Edna Larsen of Audubon; her brother-in-law, Maynard Rees of Coon Rapids; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 9, 2002, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Audubon, with Pastor Walter J. Kukkonen officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were Walter Boldt, Don Heller, John Knudsen, LaVern Larsen, Jack Twist and Richard Watson, Casket bearers were Kenneth Harrison, Rodney Watson, Ron Denney, Gary Mueller, Charles Boldt and Allen Kopaska. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.