

## Edna Larson, 89

*March 30, 1916 - Aug. 5, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Edna Anna Larson, daughter of Peter and Clara (Rasmussen) Olsen, was born March 30, 1916, in rural Jacksonville. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. After attending the Jackson #1 School in Jackson Township, she worked at the Mrs. Donahue Café, and Grahams Department Store, both located in Harlan.

Feb. 23, 1947, Edna married Clarence Louis Larson at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. The couple farmed in Center Township on Clarence's parents' place for many years. In recent months, Edna had been living at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where she was active in the ILCW circles and work groups as long as her health permitted. She had been a member of the Red Hat Club in Harlan. Two years in a row she was awarded "Best Apple Pie" at the Shelby County Fair. She died Aug. 5, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 89 years, four months, and six days.

Preceding Edna in death were her parents and one son, Wade Larson, July 6, 2001. Survivors include her husband, Clarence Larson of Harlan; two sons, Carlyle Larson and Norval (Linda) Larson, both of Harlan; one brother, Harold Olsen of Harlan; one sister, Helen Hansen of Omaha, NE; two grandchildren, Brandon Larson of Red Oak and Amber Larson of Harlan; three step-grandchildren, Chad (Molly) Harris of Gretna, NE, and Kami (Mark) Burghardt and Brent (Jennifer) Harris, both of Omaha, NE; nine step-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Casket bearers were Roger Whitson, Darwin Campbell, Randy Hansen, Brandon Larson, Brent Harris, and Chad Harris. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.