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Alma Martin, 97

March 28, 1894 — Oct. 20, 1991

HARLAN — Alma Vieth Martin, daughter of John and Lena (Vieth) Conrad, was born March 28, 1894, on a farm near Portsmouth. She was one of ten children born in the family. As a young child, she moved with her family to a farm owned by her mother in Lincoln twp., and attended Lincoln #7 school.

Feb. 16, 1916, she married Clifford Martin in Co. Bluffs. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Portsmouth for a while before moving to northern Iowa and MN., for three years. They then returned to Shelby county where they farmed for the rest of their married lives before retiring and moving to Shelby in 1955. In 1968, they moved to Harlan and except for one year that they spent back in Shelby, Harlan continued to be their home. After the death of Clifford Dec. 2, 1979, she sold their acreage home in Harlan and moved to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut. In April of 1986, she moved to the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, and this has been her home since that time. She died Oct. 20, 1991, at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan at age 97 years, six months and 22 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Ann, Mabel, Lena, Emilie, and an infant sister, Clara; four brothers, John, Art, William, and Herman; and a son, Melvin, Aug. 13th of this year. Surviving her is a daughter, Elenor Chambers of Omaha, NE.; a son, Verle (Rose) Martin of Ashby, MN.; a daughter-in-law, Marian Martin of Montevideo, MN.; 11 grandchildren; great grandchildren; great-great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 23, 1991 at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Aaron Jones of Christ's Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Gerald R. Mortensen and Leonard A. Wohlhutter honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were David Martin, Dennis Helle, Dewey Conrad, E.J. Conrad, Richard Heilesen and Clifford Martin. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.