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## **Eunice Arlene Nelsen, 83**

*March 19, 1918 – July 18, 2001*

**KIMBALLTON** – Eunice Arlene Nelsen, daughter of Chris and Edna (Willadsen) Nelson was born March 19, 1918, near Irwin. She was raised near Fiscus, and attended Polk #2 country school and Harlan High School through the 10th grade. She then worked as a hired girl for several years.

Jan. 10, 1939, she married Lee Thor Nelsen in Harlan. The couple farmed near Poplar, where their daughter, Sharma Lee Nelsen, was born March 25, 1947. They retired to Kimballton in December 1972. Eunice worked part-time at various jobs, including cleaning the Kimballton Town Hall. Lee died July 16, 1990, in Harlan. Eunice remained in her home until Oct. 28, 1998, when she became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She died July 18, 2001, at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, three months and 29 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and two brothers, Oliver Nelson and an infant brother. Survivors include one daughter, Sharma Nelsen, and her special friend, Dawn Strehle, of Kimballton; three sisters, Valdene Bowen of Mesa, AZ; Dorothy Peterson of Harlan and Shirley (Shorty) Nelsen of Elk Horn; one brother, Chris (Betty) Nelson of Baker, MT; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 20, 2001, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Sidney Flack of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin officiating. Casket bearers were Ron Jacobsen, Kenneth Ericksen, Glen Hoegh, Doug D. Jensen, Jerry Myrtue and Lynn Peterson. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.