

Gladys Maassen, 69

Gladys Ruth Maassen, daughter of I.G. and Laura Doonan Stewart, was born in Jackson twp., Shelby county, Nov. 6, 1913. She died Dec. 17, 1982, at Jennie Edmondson hospital in Co. Bluffs at the age of 69 years, following a long illness.

She received her education in Shelby county graduating from Harlan high school in 1931, and teaching rural schools in Shelby co.

She was married to Walter Maassen of Walnut in Des Moines on Feb. 18, 1939. They farmed near Walnut, later moved to Marne, then returned to a farm south of Walnut.

She was a member of the Busy Bee social club and active in United Presbyterian Women. She was a member of the Walnut United Presbyterian church.

Surviving are her husband, Walter; two daughters, Mrs Duane (Marlene) Christensen of Harlan and Mrs Keith (Nancy) Madsen of Elk Horn; six grandchildren, Michelle and Craig Christensen, Brent and Greg Madsen and Dean and Clark Madsen and a brother, Walter J. Stewart of Jacksonville. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sheryl Madsen and a brother, Kenneth Stewart.

Funeral services were held Monday morning, Dec. 20 at Walnut Presbyterian church with the Revs. Harvey Beach and Larry LaVelle officiating. Mrs Jim Maassen was organist.

Bearers were Wayne Sievers, Gene Hansen, Paul Maassen, Allan Sievers, Dale Maassen and Jim Maassen.

Burial was in Walnut cemetery.