

Wife of former Harlan grocer dies in Phoenix

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs Abe (Helen) Baker, 86. She died August 5 in Phoenix, AZ; and graveside services were held in Omaha.

She is the wife and co-founder of the supermarket chain known as Baker's.

They operated grocery stores in Walnut, Harlan and Atlantic before entering the Omaha market where they became well known.

The Harlan store was located across the street from Dean's Skelly and was managed for a number of years by "Bud" Mickel be-

fore he got into the restaurant business. The store operated under a variety of names and owners before closing more than 15 years ago.

The Bakers sold their chain in 1992, but it continues under that name and opened its 11th store last May.

They have lived in the Scottsdale area for several years because of Mrs Baker's asthma problems and she had been reported ill for some time.

Mr Baker still resides in the Scottsdale area. Their son, Jack, resides in Omaha; and is the chain's president and chief executive officer, now a division of Fleming Cos of Oklahoma.