

LaFay Baker, 89 ✓

Sept. 29, 1915 - March 17, 2005

HARLAN — LaFay Catherine Baker, daughter of Arlow and Mary "Katie" Reece Grabill, was born Sept. 29, 1915, in Harlan. She attended school at Guthrie Center and Valley Junction, graduating from Harlan Community High School in 1935.

Jan. 1, 1946, LaFay married Vernon "Benny" Baker at the Methodist Church Parsonage in Omaha, NE. To this union, three daughters were born, Sharon, Ellen and Elizabeth. The family made their home in Harlan where LaFay worked at Gambles, Moon's Variety, the Baptist Home, St. Michael's and Gibsons. Vernon died Sept. 12, 1998. She was a member of the New Testament Baptist Church in Harlan. She died March 17, 2005, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 89 years, five months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Vernon, LaFay was preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon, and a grandson, Gary Lee Hansen. Survivors include her daughters, Ellen (Robert) Kimball of Kirkman and Elizabeth Thomas of Stockton, CA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 21, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Campbell officiating. Casket bearers were Seth Kimball, Robert Kimballton, Jon Thomas, Brent Hofferma, Brett Kimball, Larry Hansen and Matthew Keesling. Burial was in the Bowman's Grove Cemetery in rural Harlan.