

Cecil Gladys Bartelson, 88

March 3, 1913 - May 15, 2001

HARLAN – Cecil Gladys Bartelson, daughter of Maurice and Matie Christena (Nelson) McDowell, was born March 3, 1913, in Shelby County. She was raised in Shelby County, and graduated from Kirkman High School in 1930. After attending Simpson College for one year, she taught country school.

June 2, 1935, she married Ronald LeRoy Bartelson in Grand Island, NE. Ronald died April 21, 1987, in Elk Horn. Cecil became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in March, 1994. For many years, she attended services at Merrill's Grove Baptist Church in Fiscus. She was a member of a neighborhood club called the Polk Center Workers, and had been a 4-H leader for several years. She died May 15, 2001, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 88 years, two months and 12 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Ronald; one brother, LaVerne McDowell; and one sister, Mildred Rushenberg. Survivors include one daughter, Carol (Leon) Nelson of Batavia; two sons, Allyn (Beverly) Bartelson of Irwin and R. Jim (Luella) Bartelson of Anita; one sister, Mary (Babe) Lytle of Harlan; eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 18, 2001, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Joseph P. Boyesen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Linda Player, Peggy Barker, Julie Reese, Rhonda Marx, Terri Hohenberger and Karen Bartelson. Casket bearers were Sean Nelson, Caleb Nelson, Brian Bartelson, Michael Player, Derrick Barker, Larry Reese, Richard Marx and John Hohenberger. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove Cemetery in rural Shelby County.

