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Lois Opal Bartelson, 72

Dec. 15, 1925 - Dec. 10, 1998

HARLAN - Lois Opal Bartelson, daughter of Albert and Frances (Olsen) Wiuff, was born Dec. 15, 1925 in Ruthven, MN. She attended Harlan Community Schools and graduated in 1943. After high school, she received her Normal Training and taught country school in Polk Township of Shelby County for five years.

Aug. 24, 1947 she married Calvin Bartelson at the Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. Two children, Dean and Nancy, were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Shelby County area. She later worked for Harlan Clothing where she did alterations for 18 years. After the death of her husband June 15, 1988, she made her home in Harlan. She was a past member of

Merrill's Grove Baptist Church and was a current member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan. She died Dec. 10, 1998 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 72 years, 11 months and 26 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Irene Norgaard. She is survived by her children: Dean (Arleatta) Bartelson of Irwin and Nancy (Jim) Fredericksen of Des Moines; her grandchildren: Christine, Matthew, Kari, Annie and Jessica; her brothers, Palmer (Delta) Wiuff of Harlan; Albert "Bud" (Betty) Wiuff of Ankeny, and her sister, Marian Nelson of Harlan; her brother-in-law, Dick (Linda) Norgaard of Johnston; her sisters-in-law: Ruth Bartelson of Chicago, IL, Cecil Bartelson and Ruth (Vic) Julius both of Harlan; Jennie Saltorp, a foreign exchange student from Denmark; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in Harlan with Rev. John E. Hester officiating. Casket bearers were Paul Nelson, Brent Norgaard, Bryan Wiuff, Randy Nelson, Barry Norgaard and Bruce Wiuff. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

