

Marie Sidonia Behrend, 80

March 27, 1917 - May 29, 1997

HARLAN - Marie Sidonia Behrend, daughter of Frank and Ida (Beckner) Sachtjen, was born March 27, 1917, in Winner, SD. She was raised on a farm in Tripp County, SD, and attended country schools through the eighth grade.

Jan. 2, 1953, she married Earnest L. Behrend in Winner, SD. The couple farmed in rural Jacksonville, until their retirement and move to Harlan in the fall of 1992. She had only recently become a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. She died May 29, 1997, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 80 years, two months and two days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers, Robert, Marvin and Leonard. Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Earnest L. Behrend of Harlan; four sons, Eldred (Joyce) Behrend of Lincoln, NE; Wendell Behrend of Kirkman; Wayne (Jolene) Behrend of Harlan and Richard (Lorraine) Behrend of Walnut; one sister, Alice Sachtjen of Winner, SD; three brothers, Ralph (Lois) Sachtjen and Albert (Doris) Sachtjen all of Winner, and Leslie (Viola) Sachtjen of Burke, SD; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 1, 1997, at the Harlan Senior Center with Dean Swenson and Rollin Mader leading the service. Casket bearers were Craig Behrend, Todd Behrend, Tim Behrend, Eric Behrend, Nathan Behrend and Dale Ball. Burial was in the Redline Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.