

Verlee Muller Bernard, 79 ✓

July 25, 1927 - April 8, 2007

HARLAN - Verlee Bernard was born July 25, 1927, to Glen and Opal (Goodner) Custer in Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Harlan. She attended country school near Corley, through the eighth grade and finished her schooling in Harlan graduating from Harlan Community High School.

Feb. 22, 1948, Verlee married Dale Muller at the Harlan United Methodist Church. Four children were born to this union: Shari, Bonnie, Timothy, and Dennis. After Dale's death Oct. 29, 1986, Verlee remained dedicated to caring for people and continued to serve in the church and live her life for Christ.

Jan. 15, 1994, Verlee married Walter "Walt" Bernard at the United Methodist Church in Defiance. She was a member of that congregation from the time of her marriage until her death. She died April 8, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center at age seventy-nine years, eight months, and fourteen days.

Verlee was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dale Muller, her daughter Bonnie Budolfson, her brothers: Ival and Glade Custer, her son-in-law Ray Pleak, two great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Walt Bernard of Harlan; her children: Shari (Victor) Miller of Harlan, Timothy Muller (Jolene) of Denison, and Dennis Muller (Donna) of Defiance; her step-daughters: Starla (Jeff) Kraber of Forest, VA, and Tamara (Jeff) Rapp of Oseola, WI, twelve grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren, her son-in-law Bob Budolfson of Mountain Home, AR, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 11, 2007, with Rev. Keith Pals officiating at the United Methodist Church in Defiance. Honorary casket bearers were Amy Siefken, Courtney Sonderman, Erin Zea, and Carrie Carson. Casket bearers were Matthew Muller, Brent Budolfson, Dennis Muller, Timothy Muller, Tobin Muller, Jacob Muller, Ryan Pleak, Brad Budolfson, Brett Budolfson, and Tyler Muller. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

