

Lorene Brue, 83 ✓

Oct. 27, 1923 - June 5, 2007

IRWIN — Lorene Melanie Anna Brue was born Oct. 27, 1923, to Henry and Hattie (Schweiso) Steckelberg in Irwin. She attended the Walnut Community Schools. After graduation, she continued her education for two years at the Grand Island Business College in Grand Island, NE. After completing business school, she went to work for the Department of the Navy in Washington, DC.

In February of 1944, Lorene married Dean Henry. Three daughters were born to this union, Vivian, Diane, and Roxie. Lorene stayed at home and raised her family and helped her husband on the farm. After moving the family back to the Midwest, Lorene worked in the banks in Denison and Irwin. She moved to Ida Grove and worked at the Farmers Home Administration (FHA).

Lorene married Carl LaVern Brue Aug. 23, 1975, in Irwin, and moved to Irwin to make their home. She transferred to the FHA office in Harlan and retired from that office. She was a fifty-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a life-long member of the Irwin Methodist Church. She moved into the Manilla Manor in August of 2002 and it was there that she died June 5, 2007, at age 83 years, seven months, and nine days.

Lorene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband LaVern; and her brother, Bobbie Steckelberg. She is survived by her three daughters, Vivian Arnold of Harlan; Diane (Wally) Lenczowski of Omaha, NE; and Roxie (Frank) Miranda of Las Vegas, NV; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; her sister, Viola (Lester) Hass of Harlan; and her brother, Lester Steckelberg (Norma) of Greenfield; sister-in-law, Alice Steckelberg of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 9, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Pals officiating. Casket bearers were Lynn Arnold, Todd Lenczowski, Vance Arnold, Mike Arnold, Steve Barratt, and Paul Arnold. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.

