

Lucille Brus, 90

Sept. 8, 1911 – July 9, 2002

HARLAN – Lucille Myrtle, daughter of John and Louella Wheeler Campbell, was born Sept. 8, 1911, near Botna in Shelby County. Lucille completed grade school in a one-room school near her home and graduated with the Manning High School class of 1929. She attended Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls for two years and subsequently taught for five years at Jefferson #1 in Shelby County, White Bear School in Carroll County and at Gray Consolidated.

June 4, 1936, she married LeRoy J. Brus in Harlan. Three children were born to this union. They farmed for three years in Jefferson Township and then north of Gray, until 1959, when they bought her father's farm south of Botna. Lucille assisted with the dairying and the poultry flocks. She worked with the women of the Carroll County Extension Service. As soon as her children were old enough for 4-H, she became a club leader and eventually Carroll County 4-H Chairman. Lucille and LeRoy retired from farming in 1985 and in 1991 moved to Harlan to be closer to their children. In August of 1992, she became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community. At the same time LeRoy became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home where he died March 8, 1995. While living near Manning, Lucille attended First Presbyterian Church in Manning with her family. After moving to Harlan, she was baptized and became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, and participated with the United Methodist Women. Lucille volunteered and visited nursing home residents. Due to declining health in 2001, she moved into the nursing home portion of Elm Crest Retirement Community, and July 9, 2002, she died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 90 years, 10 months and two days.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a sister, Bernice Hauschildt. She is survived by three children, Dorothea Lee of Kingston, WA; Ronald Brus (Carol) of Harlan; Marilyn (Dean) Garnett of Harlan; nine grandchildren, Craig Sullivan (Marilyn); Thomas E. Lee; Robert E. Lee; Nicholas O. Lee (Kristi); Teresa (Brian) Murphy; Kevin Brus (Janet); Duane Brus (Laura); Jill Garnett and Daneille Garnett; 12 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Florence Seidl of Sioux Falls, SD; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 12, 2002, at the Ohde Funeral Home in Manning, with Rev. Ed Frank of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Teresa Murphy, Craig Sullivan, Jill Garnett, Thomas Lee, Danielle Garnett and Dean Hauschildt. Casket bearers were Kevin Brus, Robert Lee, Duane Brus, Nicholas Lee, Brian Murphy and John Campbell.