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## **Phyllis Burger, 82**

*Sept. 17, 1924 - Aug. 15, 2007*

**HARLAN** — Phyllis Lorraine Burger was born Sept. 17, 1924, the only child of Wallace and Margaret (Smith) Jacobs of Harlan. She graduated from the Harlan School District.

Phyllis married Vern Stendrup. Two children were born to this union, her son Jerry and daughter Debbie. They lived near Walnut for a while before moving to the Harlan area.

Feb. 3, 1968, Phyllis married Leon Burger of Harlan, and became the step-mother to Bob, Debbie, Tim, Jim, Candy, and Cindi. She worked at the Baptist Retirement Home in Harlan, now called Elm Crest Retirement Home, for several years and then worked at Variety Distributing, retiring in August of 2005. She also volunteered her time at West Central Development Corporation in Harlan. She remained a resident of Harlan until moving to Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn in 2006. It was there that she died Aug. 15, 2007, at age 82 years, 10 months, and 29 days.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Leon. She is survived by her children, Jerry Stendrup (Debbie) of Harlan, and Debbie (Mike) Miller of Prescott; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her step-children, Bob Burger (Regina) of Papillion, NE; Debbie (Carl) Schadt of Waterloo; Tim Burger (Laurel) of Harlan; Jim Burger (Kim) of Crescent; Candy Bruck of Harlan; and Cindi Boeck of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20, 2007, with Rev. Donna Ewert officiating at Pauley Jones Funeral Home. Honorary casket bearer was Max Bacon. Casket bearers were Rob Mackey, Kelly Fairchild, Jason Burger, Craig Crilly, Jerrad Popp, and Jeff Nelson with burial in the Harlan Cemetery.