

Shirley Ann Clark, 72

April 2, 1929 - Aug. 7, 2001

HARLAN – Shirley Ann Clark, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Beurbe) Lamere, was born April 2, 1929, in Stillwater, MN. She graduated from Stillwater High School and worked in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area until her marriage.

She married Gerald (Jerry) Leo Clark Feb. 13, 1954. The couple moved to Fremont, and later to Harlan, where they lived for 24 years. During that time, Shirley touched many young lives as the driver of the "little red school bus". The couple were active members of the First Christian Church and participated in many Easter pageants and live nativity scenes at Christmas time. She was dedicated in organizing, planning and running the Kiwanis Wrestling Program, which, for many years, was known as the Little State Tournament. They moved to DeWitt, and lived there for five years before retiring in Witt Springs, AR, where they built their dream home on top of a mountain. After Jerry's death in 1990, Shirley returned to Harlan to live near her family. As a result of Alzheimer's disease, she became a resident of Salem Lutheran Home in May 1996. She died Aug. 7, 2001, at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 72 years, four months and five days.

Preceding Shirley in death were her parents; ten brothers and sisters, all of whom died in infancy; and her husband, Jerry. Survivors include one daughter, Isabell Lewis of Marshalltown; three sons, Lewis (Julie) Clark; David (Jill) Clark and Frank (Mindy) Clark, all of Harlan; two brothers, Edwin (Irene) Lamere of Texas and Willard (Rosemary) Lamere of South Dakota; two sisters, Eva (Rudy) Marti and Mae (Jim) Vollmer, both of Texas; 11 grandchildren, Debra (Armando) Jaramillo of Harlan; Jason Christensen of Portland, OR and Gretchen Clark; Jared Clark; Colin Clark; Jeremy Clark; Rochelle Clark; Tyler Hill; Kelsey Hill; Ashley Hill and Nicholas Clark, all of Harlan; two great grandchildren, Leonard Dagel and Jessica Dagel, both of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 2001, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Henry Flessner of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, officiating. Casket bearers were Colin Clark, Jeremy Clark, Gretchen Clark, Jared Clark, Rochelle Clark, Leonard Dagel, Jessica Dagel, Debra Jaramillo, Tyler Hill, Kelsey Hill, Ashley Hill, Nicholas Clark and Jason Christensen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

