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Lucille Crouch, 93

Dec. 29, 1910 - Dec. 20, 2004

HARLAN — Lucille Ione Crouch, daughter of Clarence E. and Nellie G. (Clinkenbeard) Carter, was born Dec. 29, 1910, at the Ogden Hotel in Council Bluffs. She was raised and attended school, including one year at Abraham Lincoln High School, in Council Bluffs. She then moved to Irwin with her family.

Jan. 27, 1930, Lucille married Harold William Crouch in Harlan. The couple lived in Irwin where Harold first ran a trucking company and later a grain elevator. In 1960, Lucille returned to Council Bluffs, and then in 1980, she moved to the Westridge Apartments in Harlan. Due to poor health, she became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in May, 1986. Lucille was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church until 1980, when she became a member of the First Assembly of God in Harlan. She was an active church member and taught Sunday School. She died Dec. 20, 2004, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 93 years, 11 months, and 21 days.

Preceding Lucille in death were her parents; one brother, Lyle Carter; two sisters, Gladys Carter and Dorothy Richards; one son, Harold Crouch, Jr., at birth; one son-in-law, John VonTersch; and one great-granddaughter, Angie Fite. Survivors include her former husband, Harold W. Crouch of Irwin; two daughters, Georgene VonTersch of Lakewood, CO, and Meredith (Don) Armentrout of Harlan; four grandchildren, Rod VonTersch, Shari Parker, Dana Armentrout, and Drew Armentrout; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Dec. 23, 2004, at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin with Rev. Alan W. Hazelton of the First Assembly of God in Harlan officiating. Casket bearers were Dana Armentrout, Drew Armentrout, Randy Parker, Shari Parker, Rod VonTersch, and Zach Parker. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.