

Marjorie Custer, 86

July 22, 1918 - Oct. 9, 2004

HARLAN — Marjorie Alice Custer, daughter of Peter W. and Lona (Jensen) Madson, was born July 22, 1918, in rural Harlan. She attended school at Fairview Township Country School and then Harlan Community High School and graduated with the class of 1936. After graduating from high school, she taught country school until 1941.

Marjorie married Ival Benton Custer March 6, 1941, at her parents' home in rural Harlan. They were the parents of three children. Ival and Marjorie farmed and she helped with the farming along side of her husband. She was also employed at the bowling alley and as a receptionist and bookkeeper for Dr. Joseph Spearing for 18 years. Marjorie died Oct. 9, 2004, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 86 years, two months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents, Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Ival; her son, Tom Custer; grandson, Todd Custer; two sisters, Virginia Broughton and Jeanette Dunn; and her brother, Paul Wirth. She is survived by her daughters, Joan (Dick) Waller of Lincoln, NE and Lynne (Bob) Ross of Ames; daughter-in-law, Pat Custer of Council Bluffs; eight grandchildren, Jeff, Troy and Kristin Waller; Mike and Tricia Custer; Ryan, Ross and Dayna Sprecher; and Erin Johnson; three great-grandchildren, Mayson Custer, Owen Custer and Alyssa Waller; her brother, Phil Madson (Pearl) of Harlan; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and her special friend, Bob Lee of Harlan.

Funeral services were held Oct. 13, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Diana Holland officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Kristin Waller, Erin Johnson, Dayna Sprecher and Tricia Custer. Casket bearers were Jeff Waller, Mike Custer, Larry Madson, Eric Johnson, Troy Waller and Ryan Ross. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

