

Arlene J. Davis, 70

Sept. 19, 1931 - Sept. 12, 2002

HARLAN – Arlene Joyce Davis was born to Eunice (Reed) and Harry Slining Sept. 19, 1931, at Belmond. She was a member of the Belmond High School Graduating Class of 1950.

Dec. 22, 1950, she married Donald Davis in Belmond. To this union seven children were born. The couple resided in Mason City and Hampton, before moving to Harlan, in 1962. Following her move to Harlan, she was employed at the Regal Laundry. In 1978, Arlene and Don purchased Regal Laundry and changed the name to D & A Laundry. They retired from D & A Laundry in 1994, but continued to assist their daughter, Barb, at Touch of Class Dry Cleaning in Harlan. Arlene also attended Altamont Baptist Church in rural Harlan. She died Sept. 12, 2002, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 70 years, 11 months and 24 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Justin Tyler Davis; and two brothers, Robert and Duane Slining. She is survived by her husband, Don Davis of Harlan; children, Dixie Gribble and her significant other, Sonny Goans of Kirkman; Barb (Kim) Swanson of Harlan; Jerry Davis (Leah) of Harlan; John Davis (Judy) of Harlan; Sandy (Bruce) Markkula of Manilla; Debbie Davis of Wichita, KS and Jeff Davis of Harlan; 12 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brothers, Glenn Slining of Silverton, OR and Harry Slining, Jr. (Marlene) of Babbitt, MN; sisters, Mildred McCree of Des Moines; Joan (Irv) Koester of Belmond and Janet (Dick) Thornton of Huxley; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Beverly Young of Altamont Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with her grandchildren, Troy Laver, Chuck Markkula, Traci Greve, Jenni Swanson, Mandi Petsche, Chris Davis, Dustin Mevert, Trevor Davis, Tanner Davis, Kolby Nordman, Kiley Mevert and Kelsey Davis honorary casket bearers and Joey Petsche, Roger Christensen, Larry Ohlinger, Ken Ohlinger, Mike Wohlhutter, Brian Sorensen, Omer Scheffler and Gene Nielsen casket bearers.

