

Betty L. Erickson, 68

April 17, 1931 - Aug. 6, 1999

HARLAN - Betty Louise Erickson, the daughter of Ernest and Grace (Adams) Olson, was born April 17, 1931, in Harlan. She attended grade school at Kirkman Consolidated School. She attended high school at Kirkman and at Harlan graduating in 1949. She furthered her education at Iowa Western Community College in Co. Bluffs and in Harlan.

She married Dale Eugene Erickson Aug. 26, 1951, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. Three children were born to this union, Erwin, Roger and Norma Jean. Betty was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, United Methodist Women, Lebanon Chapter No. 8, Order of Eastern Star of Harlan, Daughter of the Nile, Farm Bureau Women, Elm Crest Auxiliary, and the Myrtue Memorial Auxiliary. She had been employed for the past eight years

of ANP Foot and Ankle Clinic. She died Aug. 6, 1999, in Sterling, CO, at age 68 years, three months and 19 days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dale; two infant sisters, Lucille and Norma Jean; two nieces, Janet Olson Christensen and Lori Dee Olson. Survivors include her children, Erwin Erickson (Betty) of Ames; Roger Erickson (Jane) of Harlan; Norma Jean Mertz of Harlan; her grandchildren, Marissa, Matthew, Allan and Christina Erickson and Mary and David Mertz; her sisters, Arlene Blackburn of Sterling, CO; Alice Jane Fuller of Edina, MN; Marilyn (Merlin) Meier of Lancaster, CA; Barbara (Earl) McLaren of Seattle, WA; her brothers, Edwin (Wilma) Olson of Harlan; Alfred Olson of Harlan; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Floyd and Lucille Erickson of Harlan; her brother-in-law, John (Verna) Erickson of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 1999, at First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman, with Wayne Olson, John Olson, Jim Baughman, Mike Erickson, Galen Adams and Russ Baughman casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

