

## Gladys Grabill, 78 ✓

Nov. 10, 1918 - Dec. 24, 1996

**HARLAN** - Gladys Margaret Grabill, daughter of Chris and Olga (Christiansen) Knudsen was born Nov. 10, 1918 at Walnut. As a small child, she moved with her family to a farm in Jackson Township where she attended Jackson Township School. She was confirmed at the Jacksonville Lutheran Church, and grew to adulthood on her parents farm.

Oct. 5, 1940, she married Gerald Grabill at Walnut. To this union, two children were born. They farmed near Defiance from 1941 until 1953, at which time they purchased a farm near Shelby. In 1968, they moved to the farm where he was born in Center Township. This has been her home since that time, and it was there that she died Dec. 24, 1996 at age seventy-eight years, one month and fourteen days. She had to wait for her first great-grandchild to be born, Justina Kloewer. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving is her husband, Gerald J. Grabill of Harlan, and her children, Carole (Howard) Thraen and Dennis (Sandy) Grabill, all of Harlan; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Adeline (Arthur) Maxwell and Arlene (Valen) Christensen, both of Harlan; a brother-in-law, Merwin (Alda) Grabill of Modesto, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 1996 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery with Sarah Grabill, Daniel Grabill, Mike Kloewer, Prudy Kloewer, Kevin Gittins, Tim Gittins and Stephanie Thraen casket bearers.