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Bessie C. Harter, 89

HARLAN – Bessie Clara Harter, daughter of Eli and Maggie (Stewart) Harter, was born Dec. 9, 1899, in Sac City. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Jan. 7, 1989 at age 89 years and 29 days.

As a young girl of nine, she moved to Shelby County to make her home with Sam and Emma Stewart due to the death of her parents. She graduated from the 8th grade in 1914 and grew to adulthood at the home of her aunt and uncle. She moved to Harlan in 1955 after the death of Mr and Mrs Stewart and started working at the Baptist Memorial Home. After retiring in 1972 as head cook at the home. she continued to live in Harlan. She was a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home for the past four years. She was a charter and active member of First Baptist Church in Harlan. She belonged to the Monroe Friday Club and American Baptist women

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her aunt and uncle; four brothers, Dewey, Glen, Clifford and John; three sisters, Veda, Marie and Susie. She is survived by several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 1989 at First Baptist Church in Harlan with Pastor Jeff Nelsen officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Jim Stewart, Paul Stewart, David Martin, Bryan Greve, John Stewart and David Stewart serving as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Horne was in charge of arrangements.