

## Leora Hamdorf, 83

*Oct. 23, 1923 - June 5, 2007*

**HARLAN** — Leora Francis Hamdorf, the daughter of Jesse N. and Marie Ronfeldt Grooms, was born on a farm near Hancock, Oct. 23, 1923. She attended country school near Hancock and graduated from Hancock High School in 1941.

Leora married Orville "Bud" Hamdorf July 5, 1948, in Avoca. To this union three children were born, Ruth, Terry and Rodney. After their marriage, they farmed east of Avoca for five years and then south of Walnut until 1966 when they moved to their home near the Harlan Airport. Leora contracted polio in 1952 and took many trips to Branson, MO for a reunion of other polio victims. She died June 5, 2007, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE at age 83 years, seven months and 13 days.

Leora was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bud, who died in 1997; infant son, Rodney; and her brother, Wayne Grooms. She is survived by her children, Ruth Hamdorf and Terry Hamdorf, both of Harlan; sisters-in-law, Orlene Scott and Alta Hansen, both of Harlan, and Wilma Throener of West Point, NE; brother-in-law, Delner Hamdorf (Beverly) of Morrison, CO; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 9, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with Wayne Paulsen officiating. Casket bearers were Dale Klindt, Dwight Carroll, John Plagman, Shane Havick, Mark Sieh and Duane Johnson. Burial was held at the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.