

Virginia Hartmann, 84

July 23, 1922 - Sept. 14, 2006

HARLAN — Virginia V. Hartmann, daughter of Hallie and Lois (Evans) Bartrug, was born July 23, 1922, in Harlan. She attended school in Harlan and graduated with the class of 1940. After high school, she was employed with the Ration Board during World War II.

In 1944, Virginia married Lewis Nelson at the Methodist Church in Harlan. Four children were born to this union, Connie, Bruce, Brian and Todd. They moved to Michigan for a short time before returning to Harlan in 1955 to raise their family.

Oct. 13, 1960, Virginia married Lenus A. Hartmann of Harlan. She worked at Mo-nahan Loan and later as a cashier at Mickel's and Super Valu in Harlan. She was the apartment manager at Westridge Apartments for two years. Virginia was a member of the First Christian Church in Harlan. She died Sept. 14, 2006, at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, where she had been a resident for the last three years, at age 84 years, one month, and 22 days.

In addition to her parents, Virginia was preceded in death by her husbands, Lewis Nelson and Lenus Hartmann. She is survived by her children, Connie (Jerald) Christensen of Harlan; Bruce Nelson (Sandra) of Walnut; Brian Nelson and his fiancé, Patricia of Council Bluffs, and Todd Nelson of Des Moines; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her brother, Arden Petersen of Louisiana; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Don Schoepf Sept. 16, 2006 at the Harlan Cemetery with Bill Daeges, Steve Daeges, Jarrod Christensen, Darwin Gessert, Chris Bails and Justin Nelson casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.