

Pearl Mahlberg Honaker, 77

Jan. 25, 1926 - April 14, 2003

HARLAN – Pearl was born Jan. 25, 1926, to John & Edith (Kessler) Pedersen in Dunlap. She attended country school at Willow #8.

Jan. 6, 1947, she married Delmar Mahlberg at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap. The couple farmed in Willow Township west of Dunlap. To this union nine children were born. Delmar died Feb. 10, 1964. Pearl stayed on the farm raising their nine children.

March 21, 1976, she married Richard (Dean) Honaker at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The couple moved to Tumbling Shoals, AR. While there she worked as a nurse's aide. In 1989, they moved to Neola. In 1999, they moved to Harlan. Pearl was on hemodialysis for 17 years. She died April 14, 2003, at her home in Harlan, at age 77 years, two months and 20 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; Delmar Mahlberg; two grandchildren, Matt Evers and Doug Wessel; son-in-law, Clint Evers; sister, Mildred Melby, brother, Johnny Pedersen; and stepson, Darrell Honaker. She is survived by her husband, Dean Honaker of Harlan; nine children, Paul Mahlberg of Milledgeville, GA; Patricia and Steve Wessel of Mapleton; Donna and Don McCracken of Denver, CO; David Mahlberg and Sandi of Dunlap; Judy and Rick Blume of Ute; Bob Mahlberg and Sharon of Soldier; Raymond Mahlberg and Carmen of San Diego, CA; Barbara and Warren Jensen of Soldier and Rodney Mahlberg and Jodi of Lincoln, NE; stepson, Leonard Honacker and Karen of Black River Falls, WI; 21 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two brothers, Leslie Pedersen and Velma of Denison and Charles Pedersen and Joanne of Des Moines; two sisters, Rose Johnson and Wally Stern and Lillian Pedersen, both of Prophetstown, IL and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 17, 2003, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dunlap, with Rev. Paul Strittmatter and Rev. Jack McClure officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap. Honorary casket bearers were Candice Mahlberg, Ana Mahlberg, Lindy Mahlberg, Cindy Mahlberg, Meckensie Jensen, Jackie Wessel and Josie Mahlberg. Casket bearers were Nick Mahlberg, Garred Blume, Shannon Mahlberg, Chris Jensen, Cade Mahlberg, Henry Mahlberg, Mike Evers, Caine Mahlberg, David Mahlberg, Nate Jensen, Brandon Blume, Jamie Mahlberg, Tony Mahlberg and Cole Mahlberg.