

Gertrude Jacobsen, 84

Sept. 26, 1919 - Aug. 21, 2004

HARLAN – Gertrude Marie Jacobsen, the daughter of Amiel and Hilda Helen (Fries) Troll, was born Sept. 26, 1919, in Monroe Township, rural Walnut. She attended Monroe Township #5 country school through the eighth grade. She then worked as a hired girl, helping area families. She later did housecleaning, and in the 1960's cleaned the Immanuel Lutheran Church and parsonage in Harlan.

June 1, 1942, Gertrude married John Harold Jacobsen in Papillion, NE. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where she was baptized Nov. 7, 1948. She was active in the Neighborhood Club. She died Aug. 21, 2004, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 84 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Preceding Gertrude in death were her parents; her husband, John H. Jacobsen, July 31, 1989; one son, Merlen (Merv) Jacobsen; and two brothers, Wilfred Troll and Alvin Troll. Survivors include two sons, Larry (Linda) Jacobsen of Houston, TX and Dan (Carmela) Jacobsen of Harlan; six sisters, Alverta Hansen and Dorothy Randeris, both of Audubon; Leora (Olav) Kirk of Harlan; Ruth (Elmer) Heimerman of Boone; Darlene Arp of Shelby; and Nancy Blum of Minnesota; one daughter-in-law, Linda Jacobsen (fiance, Jay Fahn) of Harlan; five grandchildren, Angi (Marty) Stein of Harlan; Tina (Tim) Gorham of Carroll; Lindy Jacobsen of Houston, TX; Bonnie Jacobsen (fiance Brian Reinig) of Des Moines; and Amy Jacobsen of Harlan; five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Hannah, Alaina, Aleshia and Andria; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Casket bearers were Rick Sorensen, Marty Stein, Roger Randeris, Lynn Heimerman, Eugene Troll and Richard W. Hansen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

