

Maxine Johannsen, 93

Aug. 27, 1912 - June 12, 2006

HARLAN — Maxine Sophia Johannsen, daughter of Marx Jurgen and Minnie Louise (Lensch) Koos, was born Aug. 27, 1912, south of Walnut. She attended school at Layton Township #5 and Walnut, graduating from Walnut High School in 1930 with normal teachers' training. After graduation, Maxine taught school for a brief time in Layton and Lincoln Townships in Pottawattamie County. She also worked at the original Bak-ers Grocery Store in Walnut, and later, at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn.

June 13, 1934, Maxine married Arnold Christian Johannsen at her parents' home. The couple made their home on a farm in Monroe Township for many years. In August, 1985, Arnold entered the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. Maxine moved to Harlan October 4, 1986, to be near her husband. Arnold died Dec. 28, 1987, in Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, now the Peace United Church of Christ, in Walnut. She was active in the church, helping with the Women's Guild, singing in the choir, and teaching Sunday School. She had been a member of the Rebekah Lodge since 1932, where she was Past Noble Grand. She was a member of the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the Monroe Friday Club, and the Birthday Pinochle Club. She was a former leader of the Monroe Merry Makers 4-H Club. She and Arnold spent time at their trailer in Lake View, and worked the concession stand and later registered campers at Prairie Rose Lake for many years. She died June 12, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 93 years, nine months, and 16 days.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arnold Johannsen; one brother, Orvy Koos; one son, Darryl Johannsen; two granddaughters, Tamara Johannsen and Shelly Lewis; and one grandson-in-law, Dan Schreiber. Survivors include one son, Stan (Veretta) Johannsen of Harlan; two daughters, Barb (John) Eilts of Grand Island, NE, and Marlene (Edward) Marshall of Omaha, NE; one daughter-in-law, Cathy Johannsen of Harlan; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 14, 2006, at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Pastor Gail Muckey officiating. Casket bearers were Dennis Jensen, Ward Koos, Larry Manz, Dennis Thomsen, Lowell Andersen, and Galan Johannsen. Burial was in the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

