

## LaVerne Klindt, 84 ✓

Jan. 28, 1922 - Aug. 7, 2006

**HARLAN** — LaVerne Deloris Klindt was born Jan. 28, 1922, on a farm in Polk Township, Shelby County to Wilhelm and Florence (Nelson) Petersen. She was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Jacksonville. She attended country school in Jackson Township through the eighth grade. Following graduation, she worked for families as a housekeeper.

Jan. 22, 1941, LaVerne married Gaylord Klindt at the Bethlehem Lutheran Parsonage in Jacksonville. Four children were born to this union, Connie, Gary, Sheryl, and Brian. After their marriage, LaVerne and Gaylord farmed in Polk and Jackson Townships. They retired from farming in 1977, and moved to an acreage they bought north of Jacksonville. LaVerne was a substitute cook and baker for the Harlan Public School for 10 years and a full-time cook there for three years. She was an active member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Women's Quilting Group, Bible Studies, and several Church Circles. Following Gaylord's death in 1986, she moved to a home she purchased in Harlan, where she continued to be an active member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She was a member of several card clubs. In 2005, she became a resident of the Avoca Lodge in Avoca. Feb. 14, 2006, she was chosen Queen of the Lodge; this was the highlight of her residency. She died Aug. 7, 2006, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 84 years, six months and 10 days.

In addition to her parents, and her husband, Gaylord, LaVerne was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Hansen; brother, Lester Petersen, sister-in-law, Bernice Petersen, and brother-in-law, Howard Hansen. Survivors include two daughters, Connie (Monty) Christiansen of State College, PA; Sheryl (Tom) Bassford of Columbia, MO; two sons, Gary Klindt (Stella) of Clinton Township, MI; Brian Klindt of Ojai, CA; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandsons; one brother, Ernest Petersen of Kimballton; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10, 2006, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with John Farrell and Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery with Robert Klindt, Dean Petersen, Jerry Klindt, Larry Bussow, Steve Hansen, Dennis Petersen and Ed Hansen casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

