

Opal LaSourd, 83

June 22, 1920 - Nov. 19, 2003

HARLAN – Opal Marie LaSourd, the daughter of Russell and Lola Frank Higgins, was born June 22, 1920, in Denison. She attended school in Denison and graduated from Denison High School in 1938.

Opal married Lauren Dwayne LaSourd Aug. 8, 1942, in Dakota City, NE. After their marriage, they owned and operated LaSourd Grocery in Portsmouth, from 1945 until their retirement in 1979. They were the parents of five girls, Debra, Terri, Toni, Tami and Trudi. Opal was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #547 of Portsmouth. She died Nov. 19, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, four months and 27 days:

Her parents; her husband, Dwayne, who died in 1981; one daughter, Debra, who died as an infant; and her brother, George, preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughters, Terri (Dawane) Ledbetter of Spring, TX; Toni (Gale) Tarkington of Portsmouth; Tami (John) Tilley of Council Bluffs; Trudi (Gordon) Buck of Harlan; a sister, Pearl Fick of Longmont, CO; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 22, 2003, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank clergy. Honorary casket bearers were Heath Chalmers, Jared Tilley, Brian Tilley, Erin Buck, Tiffany Tarkington, Jill Morgan, Trevor Tarkington and Jody Potter. Casket bearers were Lynn Peed, Kip Peed, Lance Peed, Keith Potter, Larry Knudson and Scott Gordon. Burial was in the Woodbine Cemetery.

