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Wilma W. Maassen, 86

July 13, 1907 - April 28, 1994

Harlan - Wilma Wilhelmine Maassen, daughter of Paul F. and Minnie (Noehren) Peters was born July 13, 1907 on a farm in Fairview Township, Shelby County. She attended rural school at Fairview Township #3 and graduated from Harlan High School in 1925.

Feb. 22, 1928 she married Reimer H. Maassen at Avoca. Four daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed the Maassen family farm in Lincoln Township and in 1947 they purchased the farm. After the death of her husband April 8, 1955, she continued to reside on the farm until 1956 when she purchased a home in Harlan. She lived there until 1990 when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. This has been her home since that time. She died April 28, 1994 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 86 years, nine months and 15 days. She was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, the Priscilla Society, the Shelby County Federated Club, the Lincoln Social club and the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Joyce Lavon. She is survived by three daughters; Jean (Dexter) Schroeder of Harlan; Marilyn (LeRoy) Petersen of Winchester, KY; and LuAnn (Robert) Gustafson of Eagan, MN; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Peters, Jr. of Jackson, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 2, 1994 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan with Rev. C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Paul A. Petersen, Daniel L. Petersen, Timothy J. Peterson, Kenny Schechinger, Terry E. Burger and David A. Schroeder casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.