

Gertrude E. McBride, 79

HARLAN - Gertrude Estelle McBride, the daughter of John G. and Jessie E. (Calkins) Parker was born April 10, 1910, on a farm in Center twp., Shelby co. She died at the Boulder Manor Health Care Center in Boulder, CO., April 8, 1990, at age 79 years, 5 months and 29 days. She grew up in the Harlan area and attended school in Harlan graduating with the class of 1928. After school, she lived in Harlan and worked for an attorney.

Nov. 21, 1936, she married Melvin Johnson at Harlan. One son was born to this union. After they were married, they lived in several places. Mr. Johnson worked as an electrician for the U.S. Military during WW II, and died as the result of an accident in 1946. She moved back to Harlan at that time.

Oct. 16, 1951, she married Wright McBride in Harlan. After they were married, they made their home in Harlan. She then worked as a legal secretary for Bill Lewis and later as a secretary for Farm Service Coop. May 11, 1951 he died as the result of an accident. She continued to live in Harlan until 1966, when she moved to Boulder, CO. In Boulder, she worked for State Farm Insurance until 1977, when she retired. She continued to live in Boulder and recently became a resident of the Boulder Manor Health Care Center this year.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Gladys, Gretchen, Orpha and Mamie and one brother, Roy. She is survived by her son, James of Boulder, CO.; one grandson and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 13, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home, with Rev. D. Stephen Clinton of First United Methodist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Ben Plumb, Alfred Plumb, Lowell Knause, Richard Plumb, Moe Schuermann and Steve Schuermann serving as casketbearers.