



Violet McCord, 85

Sept. 16, 1910 - Sept. 11, 1996

HARLAN - Violet May McCord, daughter of Milo and Jennie (Rudge) Thomas, was born Sept. 16, 1910, on a farm near Dunlap in Shelby County. She attended Manteno #4 School and grew to adulthood helping on the family farm near Dunlap.

Feb. 25, 1934, she married Gerald McCord at the home of her parents. After their marriage, they farmed near Atlantic, until the spring of 1935, when they began to farm in the Dunlap area. This was their home until 1960, when they began farming in Shelby County near Harlan. In 1990, they semi-retired and moved to their present home in Harlan. Violet became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan February 23, 1995, and had resided there since that time. It was there that she died Sept. 11, 1996, at age 85 years, 11 months and 26 days. During her lifetime, she was a member of the First Christian Church in Harlan, and followed the family at Harlan athletic events.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Roxie Thomas, and two brothers, Oliver and Garland Thomas. She is survived by her husband, Gerald McCord of Harlan; her daughters, Vera (David) Stewart of Harlan and Gerry (Lloyd) Messenger of Woodbine; nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 14, 1996, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Don Shoepf of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Lois Martin, Janice Greve, Lori Kenton, Kelly Messenger and Kathe Stewart honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jim Stewart, Zachary Stewart, John Stewart, Mathew Martin, Paul Stewart, Jamie Martin, Jeff Messenger and Gerrit Messenger. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.