

LaVerne M. Meyers, 87

Jan. 15, 1915 - April 5, 2002 ✓

HARLAN – LaVerne Maxine Meyers was born to Jessie (Wilson) and Elmer E. McBride Jan. 15, 1915, on a farm south of Defiance. Six weeks after her birth, the family moved to a farm one mile north of Defiance where LaVerne grew to adulthood. She attended school in Defiance, and was a member of the Defiance High School Graduating Class of 1932. She was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan, in 1959. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, since April of 1976.

Jan. 30, 1941, she married Lester Meyers at the parsonage of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Defiance. To this union one child was born. Following their wedding, the young couple farmed west of Kirkman, for one year then moved to a farm west of Irwin, for three years, and then returned to Kirkman to farm for 14 years. Their last two years of farming were east of Tennant. In 1961, they retired from farming and moved to Harlan. After moving to Harlan, she cleaned houses and local businesses for 20 years. In 1998, the Meyers became residents of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, then relocated to Risen Son Retirement Community in Council Bluffs, in May of 2001. In July of 2001, they became residents of Glen Haven Nursing Home in Glenwood. She died April 5, 2002, at the Glen Haven Nursing Home in Glenwood, at age 87 years, two months and 21 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Lester Meyers of Glenwood; one daughter, Connie (Joe) Barker of Council Bluffs; one sister, Lucile Tryon of Elk Horn; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted April 8, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Brent Smith officiating. Burial was in the Union Township Cemetery in Defiance, with Troy Schulte, Dave Walter, Russell Brandes, Jim Scheffler, Don Holdsworth, Brian Bartelson and Bruce Heilesen casket bearers.

