

Arlene I. Nelson, 82

Nov. 16, 1916 - June 18, 1999

HARLAN - Arlene Iola Nelson, daughter of Thomas Lee and Alta Grace (Plumb) Evans, was born Nov. 16, 1916, at Tennant. She was baptized at the Bethel Baptist Church. She attended school in Shelby, Tennant and then Harlan High School. She worked as a housekeeper to the Huckins family after her schooling.

Jan. 1, 1937, she married Lowell Nelson in her grandmother's house in front of the Christmas tree at Harlan. They became the parents of two sons, James and Adrian. The family farmed five miles east of Irwin from 1941 until 1986. She was a member of the Shelby County Garden Club, a member of the Auxilliary of the Baptist Memorial Home, a member of the Pleasant Valley Social Club, the Fiscus Club, the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxilliary, Greenridge member, Shelby County Historical Society member, and was active in the many church activities. She taught Bible School and Sunday School and sang in the choir. She was a former member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church and was now a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan. June 18, 1999, she died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years, seven months and two days.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Lowell Nelson of Harlan; her sons, James Nelson (Dixie) of Manilla; and Adrian Nelson (Linda) of Kirkman; three grandchildren, Chris (Leigh), Seth (Tammy) and Adam; four great grandchildren, Devin, Adrian, Leann and Curtis; her brothers and sisters, Gerald Evans (Mildred) of Brayton; Jane Clemens of Harlan; Dexter Sorensen of Harlan; Edward Evans (Lucy) of Kimballton; and Grace Ann (Jack) Knudsen of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 22, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Carl Rambo officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jack Knudsen, Richard Wooster, Walt Anderson, Everett Nelson, Victor Julius and Charles Wooster honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Dean Bartelson, Bob Burton, Harley Mether, Randy Nelson, Paul Nelson, Rowly Burton, Lynn Mether and Stan Knudsen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

