

Viola O'Neill, 91

Feb. 10, 1916 - Oct. 31, 2007

HARLAN - Viola O'Neill was born Feb. 10, 1916, to Peter and Ane Marie "Mary" (Jensen) Petersen in Harlan. She was the second of eight children born to that union. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She attended country school at Jackson No. 8.

Viola had moved to Denver, CO, and it was there that she married Charles O'Neill Feb. 10, 1954. They made their home in Denver until 1963 when they moved back to Harlan. After Charles' death in September of 1971, Viola remained in Harlan. Eventually, she moved to the Westridge Apartments. It was at her apartment that Viola died Oct. 31, 2007, at age 91 years, eight months, and 21 days.

In addition to her parents, Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her brothers, Anton, Gaylord, Arnold, Harvey, Martin, and Warren Petersen, and her sister Nellie Fiscus. She is survived by her many nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Nov. 5, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Steven Chellew officiating. Burial was held at the Jacksonville Cemetery.

