

Mabel M. Poole, 98

Oct. 22, 1901 – April 7, 2000 ✓

HARLAN – Mabel Margaret Poole, daughter of Emil and Bertha (Sparby) Hansen, was born Oct. 22, 1901, on a farm in Cass Township, Shelby County. She was baptized at the Tennant United Methodist Church. Growing up on a farm between Tennant and Shelby, she graduated from the Tennant High School.

She married Robert Harvey Poole Feb. 2, 1921, at the Methodist Church Parsonage in Harlan. They became the parents of three children. They farmed in both Lincoln and Center Townships and were members of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, where she was active in the church women's organizations. She was also a charter member of the Lincoln Ladies Social Club. The couple was privileged to observe 51 years of married life together. After Harvey's death, she continued to live on their farm until she became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in June of 1992. It was there that she died April 7, 2000, at age 98 years, five months and 16 days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Bobby, in 1926; her brothers, Dr. Arthur Hansen, Roy P. Hansen and Russell Hansen. She is survived by her children, Betty Kern of Neenah, WI and Don Poole (Mary) of Harlan; seven grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 10, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Reverend Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with Edward Mathiasen, Gene Barry, Norman Mathiasen, Ronald Mathiasen, Richard Lee and Steve Mathiasen casket bearers.