

## Loyce Richards, 84

*Oct. 24, 1919 - Dec. 28, 2003*

**HARLAN** – Loyce Emma Richards, the daughter of Jesse James and Fay Cecil Wilkinson Templeton, was born Oct. 24, 1919, in Anderson Township, Henderson. She attended school in Henderson, and graduated from the eighth grade.

Loyce married Cleal Armstrong Sept. 19, 1936, in Corning. To this union six children were born. She was employed at the Greenwood State Hospital for 20 years and had worked as a nurses aide for 35. Loyce retired from her work in 1980 and went to live with her daughter, Reta, and her husband in Harlan until moving to Little Flower Haven Nursing Home in Earling, in April 2001. She died Dec. 28, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 84 years, two months and four days.

In addition to her parents, Loyce is preceded in death by her husband, Cleal, who died in 1967; two sons, Kenneth Dean, who died as an infant in 1937, and Gary Wade, who died as an infant in 1941; brothers and sisters, Ivan, Eldon, Virgie Ormistor, Theron, Leta Winston and Warren. She is survived by her children, Niel Armstrong (Charlotte) of Nodaway; Reta (Gary) Smith of Harlan; Cecil Armstrong (Candy) of Pacific Junction; and Dennis Armstrong of Omaha, NE; 10 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and one brother, George Lawrence of Altoona; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Dec. 31, 2003, at the Oakland Cemetery at Quincy, with Rev. Jeff Hontz officiating. Casket bearers were Cecil Armstrong, Terry Parham, Gary Parham, Stanley Armstrong, Ray Kalkas, Brett Crawley, Steven Armstrong, Sean Irwin and Clint Gardner. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery at Quincy. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.