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Delois Sherman, 65 / Aug. 5, 1928 - Jan. 29, 1994

Harlan - Delois Sherman, daughter of James and Hazel (Pennington) Mathews was born Aug. 5, 1928 at Jackson MS. She died Jan. 29, 1994 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 65 years, five months and 24 days. She attended school in MS. She was baptized in the Church of Christ at Roseburg, OR by Pastor A.L. Lemly, who was a father figure to her. After school, she worked as a cook in the Elk Club in Newport Beach, CA.

May 12, 1945 she married John Roberts in Las Vegas, NV. Five children were born to this union. Delois was a mother figure to many children, and was a member of Children's International, supporting a child in Equador.

Jan. 6, 1972 she married Marvin "Buck" Sherman in Colorado Springs, CO. In 1991, she moved to Harlan, and this has been her home since that time.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, John Roberts, Jr. and two step-sons, Russell Tillman and Rhonde Sherman. She is survived by her children - Larry (Rolleena) Roberts of Coon Rapids; Richard (Jean) Roberts of Marino Valley, CA; Thomas (Evelyn) Roberts of Coeur D'Alene, ID and Tracey Roberts and her fiancee Dennis Priester of Harlan; a step-daughter, Karla (Jake) Thomas of Divide CO; 14 grandchildren, four great grandchildren; her step-mother, Gerdy Mathews of Shannon, MS; three sisters - Onamae (Odis) Azlin of Okalona, MS; Betty (Dexter) Butler of Grenada, MS and Sarah (Bud) Tilson of Shannon, MS; and a brother, James Mathews of Shannon, MS; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 1994 at Grace Baptist Church in Harlan with Pastor Brent Smith officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Ben Post, Anker Eastergard, Andy Hansen, Lloyd Houlden, Stan Christenson and Kevin Sciranko casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.