

Elaine M. Scull, 84

March 21, 1917 – Nov. 29, 2001

HARLAN – Elaine Margaret Scull was born to Elvina Lydia (Nelson) and Martin Arentson March 21, 1917, near Harlan in Shelby County. She attended rural school in Lincoln Township and graduated from Harlan High School in May of 1935.

She married Bernard Scull and became the mother of two children, Gary and Janice. She worked for the Shelby County Superintendent of Schools in Harlan for several years. Oct. 1, 1949, she went to work as a legal secretary for attorney, Gerald Larson. Because Gerald was also secretary-treasurer of the Harlan Federal Savings and Loan, she was asked to accept numerous responsibilities at the Savings and Loan. Over the years, those duties grew in number and scope. Additionally, in her spare time, she answered phones for attorney, Fred Louis, who shared the building with Gerald. After 32 1/2 years of service, she retired from the Harlan Federal Savings and Loan, and was honored at several events for her work and dedication. She resided with her parents for several years until her father's death and it became necessary to place her mother at what was then the Baptist Home. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Elk Horn. She died Nov. 29, 2001, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 84 years, eight months and eight days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Scull, and her son, Gary Scull, who was listed as missing in action in March 1970 during the Vietnam Conflict. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Udem of Lexington, MA; grandchildren, Melanie and Wade; one brother, Dale (Phyllis) Arentson of Eldridge; sisters, Eleanor (Ted) Allen of Harlan and Roselle (Glenn) French of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Marcum officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Joe Allen, Melanie Udem, Steve Allen, Sandy Green, Judi Doonan, Dave French, Betty Belsker and Wade Udem casket bearers.