

Mary L. Williams, 98

PERSIA - Mary Lillian "Molly" Williams, daughter of John and Sarah (Burkett) Slaven was born on a farm near Portsmouth on Aug. 24, 1890. She attended country school near Portsmouth and grew to adulthood on her parents' farm.

On Jan. 26, 1909, she married William E. Williams in Harlan. Eleven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Persia-Portsmouth area and she also worked at the local cafe in Persia. On May 10, 1958, they moved to their present home in Persia. After the death of William on March 17, 1973, she continued to make her home in Persia. She died at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan on Oct. 27, 1988 at age 98 years, two months and three days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Bonnie Wolverton; a son, Lloyd; two brothers, Henry and Vernon; and four sisters, Anna, Jessie, Lottie and Maggie. She is survived by three sons, Ray of Denison; Deryl of Exira and Melvin of Omaha; six daughters, Opal (Mrs Robert) Plambeck of Omaha; Ruby Williams of Omaha; Verda (Mrs Murle) Fitzgerald of Persia; Delores (Mrs John) Becker of Sacramento, CA; Evelyn Kuster of Persia and Gloria Jean Shields of Rowley; 34 grandchildren; 76 great-grandchildren; 39 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, John Slaven of Exira; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 29, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Ralph Erts of Persia United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Cass Twp. cemetery, RR Portsmouth, with Veral Smith, Dale Maxwell and Laverne D. Williams serving as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were Neil Williams, Randy Kuster, Dennis Williams, Jeffrey L. Shields, Gary L. Plambeck and Rodney D. Williams. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.