

## Myrtle Walker, 86

*Aug. 12, 1917 - Feb. 9, 2004*

**HARLAN** – Myrtle Marie Walker, the daughter of Clarence and Augusta Wilhelmina Jesperson Peterson, was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Harlan. She attended Rabbit Hallow Country School and graduated from Harlan High School in 1936. After graduation, she worked in Ames.

Myrtle married Lyle Dale Walker in Papillion, NE, Feb. 24, 1942, which also happened to be her parent's anniversary. They made their home in Harrison County until moving to Shelby County in 1949, where they continued farming and Myrtle was employed with several law offices, and the Department of Social Services. They retired from farming in February of 1963, when they moved to their present home in Harlan. She was a Sunday School teacher. She died Feb. 9, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, five months and 28 days.

Myrtle's parents preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Lyle Walker, Sr.; her children, Lyle Walker, Jr. (Marcia) of Harlan; Donna (Jim) Burdick of Chevy Chase, MD; Dolores (Gary) Brandt of Council Bluffs; LaVonne (Dave) Force of Anchorage, AK; Linda (Dennis) Hielen of Shenandoah; and Mary (Rodney) McCumber of Newton; 21 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; three sisters, Evelyn Fick of Coon Rapids; Viola Waddell and Ruby Martin, both of Harlan; and other relatives.

A celebration of life was held Feb. 13, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with David Hielen, Christopher Hielen, Patrick Hielen, Stephen Hielen, Dennis Hielen, Jr., Nicholas Hielen and Steven Force honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Joe Powell, Jeremy Walker, Jim Powell, David Martin, Mike Brandt and Dan Martin. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

