

Mrs Esther Chambers, 80

Mrs Esther Chambers, daughter of Andrew and Anna Margaretha Jensen Jacobsen, was born March 4, 1902 on a farm southeast of Harlan. She attended the country school, graduating from Harlan high school in 1920. She then was employed at the Shelby county Treasurer's office.

On Oct. 27, 1926, she married Rex M. Chambers at St. Luke's Episcopal church in Des Moines. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. In 1936, Mr Chambers along with Mr C.E. Hansen, purchased the Lloyd and Jamison Hardware Store in Harlan. Later Mr Hansen sold his interest to Barrie Christensen and the business became known as Chambers and Christensen Hardware store. After retiring in 1959, they continued to make their home in Harlan. Mr Chambers died Sept. 14, 1973 and she continued to make her home in Harlan. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan a few weeks prior to her death.

She was a Charter Member of the First Baptist church in Harlan. She was also a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and a Charter member and past president of the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxilliary in Harlan. She died at the Baptist Memorial Home on June 25, 1982 at the age of 80 years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Francis, Chris, Clarence, Harvey and S.J. Jacobsen and one sister, Stella Lansmen. She is survived by her twin children, Joanne Sanders of Harlan and James Chambers of South Bend, Ind.; two grandchildren and one great grandchild; one sister, Mabel (Mrs Fred) Hansen of Harlan; nieces and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Monday, June 28, 1982 with the Rev John H. Ashley, Interim Pastor of the First Baptist church in Harlan, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Tim Jacobsen, Allan E. Jahn, Harold Lansman, Robert Lansman, Jerald Obrecht and Gaillard Nelson serving as casketbearers.
