

Matilda A. Chambers, 85

Harlan — Matilda Ann (Tillie) Chambers, daughter of J.W. Scott and Minerva A. McKeever McConnell was born on a farm in Shelby county on April 13, 1894. She attended the Jackson No. 3 country school and as a young girl was baptized into the Baptist faith. She was called upon to help in many households in the area and also worked as a seamstress.

On Dec. 30, 1923, she married William Jess Chambers at her parent's home. Three children were born to this union. They made their home on a farm at Bowman's Grove and were both employed at the Merrill's Canning Factory in Harlan. After her husband's death in March of 1968, Tillie continued to make her home on the farm.

She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Friday, Sept. 14, 1979, at age 85 years, 5 months and one day. She had been a faithful member of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan for many years.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by seven brothers - William, Oscar, Clark, Frank, Arthur, Benjamin, and an infant; and by a sister, Alice Christensen. Survivors include two sons - George of Harlan and Lyle of Co. Bluffs; a daughter, Docia (Mrs Arthur Linde) of Harlan; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Edith Christensen of Bingham Lake, Minn.; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Monday, Sept. 17, 1979, with Pastor A.B. Neuenschwander, pastor of the Bethel Baptist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Bowman's Grove cemetery, Shelby county, with Lake Green, Elmer Linde, Lynn McCord, Lynn Christensen, Gerald J. Grabill and Harold E. Andersen serving as casket-bearers.