

# Bernice Odetta Christensen, 81

Bernice Odetta Christensen, a life long resident of Harlan area, was born to John and Cora (Knouse) Bamsey on March 25, 1899. She attended school and grew to adulthood and then worked in the Harlan area as a cook and waitress for many years.

On Dec. 30, 1961, Bernice married Alvin L. Christensen in Kimballton. Mr and Mrs Christensen made their home in Corley. After Mr Christensen's death on Jan. 5, 1972, Bernice continued to live in their home in Corley until 1977, when she moved to the Westridge Apartments in Harlan. Mrs Christensen was a member of the Altamont Baptist church, the World War I Veterans Auxiliary and the Senior Citizens Group of Harlan. She died at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital on Nov. 27, 1980, at age 81 years, 8 months and two days. In addition to her husband and parents, Bernice was preceded in death by one brother, Roy Bamsey. She is survived by four sons, Dr. Earl of Harlan; Alvin L. of Elk Horn; Kenard of Harlan and Richard Christensen of Grass Valley, Calif.; two daughters, Jean Marie (Mrs Floyd) Blakely of Le Mars, and Jacqueline (Mrs Calvin) Petry of Hempstead, Texas; 18 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren, two brothers, Lake Bamsey of Harlan and Lyle Bamsey of Avoca; four sisters, Hazel (Mrs Ivan) Marco of Earling; Zella (Mrs Elliott) Terrill of Harlan; Grace (Mrs Howard) Jones of Harlan and Lois (Mrs Alvin) Tarp of Denver, Colo.; nieces and nephews; relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, on Dec. 1, 1980 with Pastor Roger Porter of Altamont Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Jack Petersen, Larry Christensen, Byron Christensen, Steven Christensen, Timothy Christensen and David T. Christensen as casketbearers.