

## Myrtle O. Crees, 76

Shelby — Myrtle Olive Crees, daughter of John E. and May Malick Campbell, was born June 30, 1902, on a farm in Monroe twp. Shelby County. She attended country schools and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. For several years she was employed as an operator for the Harlan Telephone Co.

Myrtle married Ralph D. Crees on Dec. 25, 1933, at her family home in Harlan. Three daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed southeast of Harlan until 1949 when they moved to Shelby. Following Mr Crees' death in Nov. of 1973, Myrtle became a resident of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca. She died at the nursing home on Saturday, April 7, 1979, at age of 76 years, 9 months and 7 days. Mrs Crees was a member of the Shelby United Methodist church for many years.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Al Campbell. Survivors include her daughters - Naomi (Mrs Eugene Peters) of Tennant, Patsy (Mrs Melvin Sick) of Ft. Dodge and Donna (Mrs Arlen Kirkhart) of Manson, eight grandchildren; one sister, Ruth (Mrs John Reed) of Shelby; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Shelby United Methodist church on Monday, April 9, 1979, with Pastor Dick Krambeck, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery, with Donnie VonEschen as honorary casketbearer and David Sick, Melvin Sick, Ronald Peters, Eugene Peters, Eldon E. Jensen and Delmar Von Eschen serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.