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Clara Belle Grimsley, 92

Clara Belle Grimsley, daughter of Dicie Eugenia Long and William Harvey Wise was born Dec. 8, 1890 at Culpepper, Va. When she was a young woman, her family moved to Arlington, Va., where she met and married Rollie Lee Grimsley April 17, 1920 at Balston, Va. In 1942 they moved to Asheville, N.C., where Rollie was an accountant with the General Accounting Office. They later moved to St. Louis, Mo., where they retired in 1955 and moved back to Asheville, N.C. In April, 1978 she moved to Harlan and in Dec. of 1978 became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home, where she died on Friday, Feb. 11, 1983 at the age of 92 years, 2 months and 3 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Rollie in 1975; six brothers, Worthy, Charles, Russell, John, Leslie and William; four sisters, Elizabeth, Florence, Laura and Ann; five brothers and sisters in infancy. Survivors include three sons, Leonard of Harlan, Vernon of Asheville, N.C., and Wendell of Albuquerque, N.M.; one step daughter Mrs Lila Wilson of Berkeley Springs, W.V. and one brother, Luther Wise. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, four step grandchildren, three great grandchildren, nine step great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Feb. 14, 1983 at Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Larry Mitchell, officiating. Burial was in Pisgah View Memorial Park Asheville, N.C. with Tim Grimsley, Gene Grimsley, Mark Grimsley, Steve Grimsley, Greg Carlisle, Louis Chavez and Wendell Grimsley serving as honorary casketbearers.