

Opal Mae Schleimer, 66

Opal Mae Schleimer, daughter of William J. and Laura May Haszard Fitzgerald, was born Oct. 23, 1914, in Harrison Co. She was baptized at the Methodist church in Persia, and attended the Persia school, growing to adulthood with her family in Persia.

On Sept. 24, 1932, she married Joseph Schleimer at Papillion, Neb. Two daughters, Bonnie Jean and Verla Mae, were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed north of Harlan for a few years. In 1942, they moved to the Tennant community and for the last five years they have made their home in Shelby.

She attended the United Methodist church as well as being a member of the United Methodist church women's circle, the Senior Citizen's club of Shelby and the Social Neighborhood club. She was a devoted wife and mother.

She died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Monday, July 20, 1981, at age 66 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph. She is survived by her husband, Joseph of Shelby; her two daughters, Bonnie (Mrs Richard) Miller of Harlan and Verla Mae (Mrs Harold) Keim of Co. Bluffs; four grandchildren; two brothers, William "Jed" and Merle "Casey" Fitzgerald, both of Persia; one sister, Mrs Pearl Champlin of Persia; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Thursday, July 23, 1981 with Rev. Russell Vanderhoef of the United Methodist church in Shelby, officiating.

Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with James L. Keim and Ronald F. Miller serving as honorary casketbearers and Howard Thraen, Loren E. Ferry, David Anderson, Donald Schleimer, William Fitzgerald and Raymond Schleimer serving as casketbearers.