

Ercyle Ilo Brace, 77

Sept. 8, 1915 — Aug. 3, 1993

HARLAN — Ercyle Ilo Brace, daughter of Charles and Bertha (Luckinbill) Bristol was born Sept. 8, 1915 near Kirkman. She died Aug. 3, 1993 at the Bishop Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE., at age 77 years, 10 months and 26 days. She attended country school near Redline, and graduated from Harlan High School in 1933. She then received her Normal Training before teaching in the rural school system in the Dunlap area. In Aug. of 1936, she married Lister Brace. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed as tenants for several years before purchasing their own farm near Moorhead. After Lister's death in 1954, Jim and Joan continued farming for the rest of that year. In 1956, she moved to Harlan where she became employed at the United Telephone Company until it converted to the dial system. She then worked at the Cozy Cafe for a time before becoming employed at the Shelby County ASCS office in Harlan as a payroll clerk. After her retirement in January of 1981 from ASCS, she worked for her son Jim at Brace Implement in Harlan.

She has continued to make her home in Harlan where she was a member of the First Christian Church, Christian Women's Club, Pinochle Club, and helped deliver Meals on Wheels to area residents. She was an avid baseball fan, especially of the Kansas City Royals.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Velma Wohlhutter, Lucille Catauro, Catherine Wilcox and Delores Conrad; and her brother, Charles Bristol Jr. Survivors include her children, Joan Damgaard of Shelby; Jim (Judy) Brace of Treynor; Judy (Charles) Summers of Harlan; Betty Brace of Chicago, IL.; and Pat (Scott) McGrew of Lincoln, NE.; ten grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Margaret Lansman of Broken Arrow, OK.; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 5, 1993 at the Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Don Schoepf of First Christian Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery, Dunlap; Matt Summers and Niels Andersen honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Rod Brace, Charlie Summers Jr., Todd Brace, Randy Conrad, Timothy Brace and Philip Hobus. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.