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Berneice Butts, 72

HARLAN – Berneice Anna Butts, daughter of Herman H. and Minnie (Husman) Meyer was born June 23, 1917, on a farm near Manilla. She died Nov. 2, 1989 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 72 years, four months and 10 days. She attended county school for a short time before attending school at Manilla, graduating with the class of 1936.

On June 2, 1942, she married John W. Butts at Papillion, NE. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they resided in Harlan where she worked as a housekeeper. She later worked for Western Engineering for a while and then worked as a custodian for the Harlan Community School. She also cleaned house for several area people. After the death of John on Aug. 13, 1975, she continued to make her home in Harlan where she attended New Testament Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death were her parents. She is survived by a son, Wesley of West Liberty; a daughter, Carol Butts of West Liberty; one grand-daughter; a brother, Alvin Meyer of Cheyenne, WY.; four sisters, Elizabeth (Mrs Leo) Densmore of Lohrville; Berdella Meyer of Manilla; Minnie Morgan of Des Moines; and Ora (Mrs Floyd) Mullins of Paton; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 6, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Crawford of Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Ron Buck, Ron Kline, David North, Daniel North, Martin O. Axland and Donald M. Norgaard serving as casketbearers.