

Ruth Crawford, 84

HARLAN - Ruth Olive Crawford, the daughter of Harry and Abbey (Hoyt) Walters was born at Galva, July 28, 1904. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Dec. 7, 1988 at age 84 years, four months and nine days.

She was baptized in the Methodist faith and attended public school in Galva. After high school, she attended Morningside College, the University of Nebraska and graduated from Drake University in Des Moines with a Bachelor of Expression Degree. She was a teacher in the Aurelia school system, and a principal at Truro. June 14, 1932, she married Jacob Crawford at Galva. Two daughters were born to this union.

In 1940, they and their family moved to Harlan. After the death of Jacob on Feb. 11, 1967, she continued to live in her own home until 1978, when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan; Priscilla Society, AAUW and the Friday Club.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Bashaw. She is survived by her daughters, Donna R. Baker of Lincoln, NE and Elizabeth J. Walls of Escondido, CA; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; a brother, Marion Walters of Columbus, OH and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 10, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan with Pastor Dennis Brayman of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan officiating. Burial was in Earham cemetery with Clifford F. Haskell and Norman Stamp serving as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were Gary Allen, Don Blakely, Wendell Lytle, Arnold Knudtson, Dr. Gary Jorgensen and Dexter A. Schroeder. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.