

Fern Parkhurst, 79

Oct. 31, 1926 - Jan. 31, 2006

HARLAN — Fern Garnett Parkhurst, daughter of Thomas and Ella Brensel Kroger, was born Oct. 31, 1926 at Harlan. At a young age, she and her family moved to Audubon. She attended Audubon schools.

After receiving her education she was married and moved to California where she ran a Salvation Army Store. In the late 1950's, Fern returned to Harlan.

In 1958, Fern married Alvin Kent Parkhurst in Omaha, NE. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. She was employed at Walt's Café and also Montgomery Ward, but mostly she was a homemaker. She died Jan. 31, 2006, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 79 years and three months.

In addition to her parents, Fern was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin; a son, Doug; and her brothers and sisters, Esther Sutton, Violet Tucker, Lillian Roberts, Kenneth Kroger, Harold Kroger, Louis Kroger, and James Kroger. Survivors include her children, Charlie Parkhurst of Harlan; Gary Parkhurst of Omaha, NE; Don Parkhurst (Robin) of Storm Lake; Marietta (Rick) Gaul of Earling; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother and sister, Darold Kroger (Betty) of Utah; Beverly Obermeier of Audubon; Marilyn (Gerald) Anderson of Harlan; Darlene (John) Hansen of Audubon; sister-in-law, Jeanette Kroger of Harlan and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Dave Swinton officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Craig Kroger, Lanny Petsche, Randy Kroger, Tyler Parkhurst, Terry Jacobsen, and Todd Parkhurst casket bearers.

