

Margaret L. Pauley, 79

Jan. 18, 1923 - Sept. 17, 2002

HARLAN—Margaret L. Pauley was born to Ethel (Edwards) Nelson-Bisgard and Edwin N. Nelson Jan. 18, 1923, at Harlan. She was baptized at Altamont Baptist Church. As a small child, her family moved to Walnut, where she attended grade school and middle school. Following her family's return to Harlan, Margaret attended Harlan High School graduating with the Class of 1940. She then attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, and was employed at McElroy and Vernon Grocery Brokerage. While residing in Des Moines, she became a member of First Methodist Church where she sang in the choir.



Oct. 19, 1945, she married Clay Pauley at Bethel Baptist Church. To this union one child, Cindy, was born. Following their wedding, they located in San Diego, CA, where Clay was stationed in the Navy. The couple returned to Harlan after Clay's tour of duty, and joined Clay's parents in operating Pauley Funeral Home. Margaret played an integral part in the daily demands of the funeral home. In 1974, Margaret and Clay retired selling Pauley Funeral Home to Richard A. Jones. She was a member of several Bridge Clubs, Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and was just recently honored as a 50 year member of Chapter AP, P.E.O. She was a longtime member of the Harlan United Methodist Church. Sept. 17, 2002, she died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 79 years, seven months and 30 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Margaret is survived by her husband, Clay Pauley of Harlan; her daughter, Cindy (Rick) Burchett of Harlan; three grandchildren, Sara (Tom) Wilson of Apple Valley, MN; Ryan Burchett (Monica) of Marion and Garrett Burchett of Ames; sisters, Edna Mae Petersen of Topeka, KS and Lois Lindblom of Rancho Bernardo, CA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 21, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Josh Hansen, Scott Lindblom, Wade Jensen, David Pauley, Mark Hall and Jim Petersen casket bearers.