

Lilas Peterson, 97

Jan. 21, 1908 - Feb. 21, 2005

HARLAN — Lilas Marie Peterson, daughter of James Gregory and Carrie Nelson, was born Jan. 21, 1908, in Harlan. She attended school in Harlan and graduated from Harlan High School.

June 7, 1931, Lilas married Moody Peterson in Harlan. To this union two children were born, Kenneth and Pat. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan where Moody worked at the Larson Shoe Store and Lilas was employed at Home Federal Savings and Loan. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church where she also taught Sunday School. She also hand painted Farm Bureau signs. Lilas is a current member of Grace Baptist Church. She died Feb. 21, 2005, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 97 years and one month.

Lilas is preceded in death by her husband, Moody, who died in 1985; her parents; five sisters, Ella, Edna, Mildred Nelson, Agnes Knudsen and Edythe Pederson; and her brother, Clarence Nelson. Survivors include her children, Kenneth Peterson of Indianola and Pat (Don) Eubanks of Rockford, IL; two grandchildren, Greg Peterson and Keri Peterson; three great-grandchildren, Leslie Roggio, Stephanie Finney and Michella Rivers; four great-great-grandchildren, Cody Weitzell, Noel Murray, Carson Finney and Anthony Roggio; one sister, Nina (Dale) Nelson of Woodbine; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 2005, at the Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Greg White officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Gordon Nelson, Harley Mether, Clifford Hanson, Don Petersen, Gale "Whitey" Petersen and Olie Pash casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

