

Iona Playle, 84

April 21, 1915 - Feb. 23, 2000

HARLAN – Iona Wilma Playle, daughter of August L. and Emma (Daugaard) Hansen, was born April 21, 1915, at Walnut. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from Harlan High School.

Oct. 20, 1935, she married Elliott P. Obrecht at the Lutheran Parsonage in Harlan. To this union five children were born. They farmed in Center Township and Iona in addition to being a farm wife ran the Sale Barn Cafe in Harlan with Thelma "Toots" Heflin for many years. They left the farm in 1960, when they moved to Harlan. After moving to Harlan, she worked for Dr. Charles Early in his veterinary clinic for nearly 25 years. Elliott died Nov. 11, 1968.

She married Willis Clark Playle May 1, 1971, in Harlan. He died Nov. 21, 1982. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan and the ladies church circle. She became a resident of the Little Flower Haven Nursing Home March 31, 1997. She died Feb. 23, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 84 years, ten months and two days.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her son, Tom Obrecht, Dec. 18, 1997; her granddaughter, Jennifer Obrecht, Sept. 30, 1995; her brothers, Ivol "Ike" Hansen and Orville "Herk" Hansen; and a sister, Arlene Poland. Survivors include her children, Marjorie (Jon C.) House of Penn Valley, CA; Glenyce Wendelin of Harlan; Bill Obrecht (Linda) of Harlan; Lea Obrecht of Glenwood Springs, CO; seven grandchildren, Gary House, David House, Lori House Salerno, Suzanne House Symons, Rick Flynn, Robb Flynn and Steven Obrecht; eight great grandchildren; her daughter-in-law, Margaret Obrecht of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was at the Harlan Cemetery. Honorary casket bearer was Dr. Charles Early with Dan Martin, Eldon Erickson, Bill Early, Dennis R. Heflin, Jim Hansen and Kevin Kenkel casket bearers.

