

## Minnie Pope, 69

*Aug. 26, 1935 - Oct. 30, 2004*

**HARLAN** — Ardelle Minnie Pope, daughter of Bert and Agneta Benson, was born Aug. 26, 1935, in Hartington, NE. She attended country school and attended high school in Harlan.



Minnie married Edward Pope Nov. 1, 1952, in Harlan. After their marriage, they lived in the communities of Harlan, Fiscus, Audubon, Walnut and Avoca, before returning to Harlan in 1973. They were the parents of one daughter, Susan. Edward died Dec. 17, 1982. Minnie was employed at the canning factory in Harlan and later as a waitress at the White Star Restaurant also in Harlan. She then drove school bus and was currently a truck driver for Western Engineering of Harlan for 24 years. She died Oct. 30, 2004, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 69 years, two months and four days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Edward, Minnie was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Benson, and sister, Bertha Peckham. Survivors include her daughter, Susan Benson-Blaine of Harlan; one grandson, Colton Benson of Harlan; three sisters, Betty Page of Alberta Lea, MN; Rose Marie (Russell) Gross of Aurora, MN; Carol Steinlicht of Gardner; one brother, Gary Benson of Dalton, GA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Rev. Mark Jamison officiating. Casket bearers were John Koppold, Lee Dille, Ray Olson, Alvin Kite, Kenny Pope and Joe Page. Burial was in the Danway Cemetery in Irwin. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.