

Mildred B. Thompson, 80

Jan. 2, 1919 - May 20, 1999

HARLAN – Mildred Bernadine Thompson, daughter of Oscar W. and Amy Lou (Lee) Rold, was born Jan. 2, 1919, on a farm near Avoca. She was baptized at Altamont Baptist Church and attended Fairview No. 7 and graduated from the Avoca High School.

Feb. 19, 1941, she married Virgil Thompson in Adair. After their marriage, they rented her parents' farm near Avoca, for the next two years. Her husband was called into the Air Force during World War II. During that time, she worked for Howard's Manufacturing in Co. Bluffs, and then for General Cables Factory in Rome, NY. When her husband returned after 34 months in the Air Force, she became a farm wife. When they retired, they moved to Harlan. She died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, May 20, 1999, at age 80 years, four months and 18 days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil, July 19, 1993, and her brother, Elvin in December of 1982. Survivors include a foster child, David Thompson (Jan) of Buckley, WA; her sister, Leota (Rocky) Swensen of Harlan; her brother, Leonard Rold (Vernetta) of Co. Bluffs; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 22, 1999, at Grace Baptist Church in Harlan, with pastor Brent Smith officiating. Casket bearers were Kay Jay Rold, James D. Swensen, Mark Rold, Lawrence Rold, Niel Shirm and Jeff Swensen. The remains have been donated to the Department of Anatomy of the University of Iowa. Burial was in Cuppy's Grove Cemetery in rural Harlan, at a later date. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

