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## **Lois Dawson, 72**

**Feb. 26, 1925 - July 24, 1997**

**HARLAN** - Lucille Lois Dawson, daughter of Lyle and Lucille (Mason) Gayton, was born Feb. 26, 1925 at Trenton, MI. She was baptized at the Methodist Church in Detroit. Lois started school in Detroit and graduated from high school in River Rouge, MI.

Oct 1, 1966, she married Melvin Dawson in Middletown, OH and moved to Harlan in 1970. She died at her home in Harlan July 24, 1997, at age 72 years, four months and 28 days.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald C. Mardis in January of 1957, and her husband, Melvin Dawson in April of 1996, and one brother, William Charles Gayton. She is survived by her son, Donald C. Mardis II of Linwood, MA; two grandchildren; her sister, Marvel Pitocco of Los Angeles, CA; and her brother, Lyle Gayton of Chicago, IL, and other relatives.

A memorial service was held July 30, 1997, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Roger Crawford of Bethel Baptist Church officiating.