



## Myrtle B. Fairchild, 92

July 8, 1900 — Jan. 23, 1993

**HARLAN** — Myrtle Belle Fairchild, daughter of Abe and Laura (Arney) McMurphy, was born July 8, 1900, on a farm in Audubon county, Irwin. She died at the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, Jan. 23, 1993, at age 92 years, 6 months and 15 days. She attended country school, was baptized at the Gray United Methodist Church in Gray and grew to adulthood on her parents farm.

July 4, 1920, she married Lafe O. Fairchild in Onawa. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in the Audubon

and Shelby county areas until 1965 when they retired and moved to Harlan. May 18, 1983, they became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home. While residents of the Harlan area, she had been a member of the First United Methodist Women and the Oaklawn Club of rural Irwin. After his death Oct. 9, 1985, she continued to make her home at the Baptist Home in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Cynthia Baker; two great-grandchildren, Gina Jacobsen and Christopher Ferry; one sister, Vernal; three brothers, Harry, Cleo, and Ralph and two sons-in-laws, Urban Peterson and Vic Ferry. She is survived by six daughters, Leona Erb (Allyn) Irma Jean Weber (George) and Dixie Andersen (Don), all of Irwin; Leola Baker (Jake) of Ramona Peterson, all of Harlan; Norene Pietanze (Peter) of Omaha, NE.; one son, Kelly Fairchild (Barbara) of Harlan; 20 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; one brother, Don McMurphy (Frankie) of Hutchinson, KS.; and one sister-in-law, Gladys Swank of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 26, 1993 at the First University Methodist Church in Harlan with Rev. Janne Clinton officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Tom Ferry, Dennis Baldwin, Douglas Baker, Don Drefke, Mike Weber and Steven Pietanze casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.