



Margaret W. Heilesen, 85

HARLAN - Margaret Winifred Heilesen, daughter of William and Lillie (Obrecht) Bamsey, was born Oct. 7, 1904 on a farm in Center Twp., Shelby Co. She died at Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, Feb. 2, 1990 at age 85 years, 3 months and 26 days. She attended Windy Knoll Country School in Center Twp., and later attended Harlan High School graduating in 1922. She then went on to attend Iowa State Teachers College graduating in 1932. After college, she taught school at Irwin until 1936, when she went on to attend beauty school in Des Moines. After beauty school, she came back to Harlan

where she worked at a beauty shop and later ran her own shop from 1945 until 1954.

Oct. 14, 1954, she married Frank Heilesen at Harlan. After they were married, they made their home in Harlan. Together, they cared for Margaret's mother, Lillie and also took time to enjoy some traveling. May 13, 1974, Mr. Heilesen died. She then continued to make her home in Harlan, and became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home, July 1989. This has been her home since that time. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, Methodist Church Women's Circle and the Friday Club.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one step-son Don; three step-granddaughters; one sister, Bessie and four brothers, Arlie, Rufus, Joseph and Forrest. She is survived by three step-daughters, Bette (Mrs Norman) Sorenson, Evelyn (Mrs Max) Plumb and Caryl (Mrs Lugene) West all of Harlan; two step-sons, Frank Heilesen Jr. of Santa Rosa, CA., and Richard Heilesen of Harlan; 15 step-grandchildren and 18 step-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Walter Bernard of Irwin United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with James West, Jim Heilesen, Tim Jacobsen, Tom Heilesen, Carl Sorenson, Frank Heilesen and Steve Jacobsen as honorary casketbear-