

Wilma Havick, 91**Aug. 16, 1917 - Nov. 4, 2008**

HARLAN — Wilma Havick was born on August 16, 1917, to Robert and Ruby (Clark) Anderson on a farm near Oakland, IA. She attended school in Oakland and graduated with the Class of 1935. After graduation, she taught school for three years in a rural school.

March 15, 1939, Wilma was united in marriage to Elmer M. Havick at the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, IA. Three sons were born to this union: Bruce, Jim, and Steven. After their marriage, Wilma and Elmer farmed near Kirkman, Corley, and Walnut before purchasing a farm near Avoca, where they raised their family. After her boys were raised, Wilma



attended LPN school in Harlan and worked for the Oakland Manor Nursing Home for fifteen years. Wilma and Elmer retired from the farm in 1977 and purchased their home in Harlan at that time. After Elmer's death on February 18, 1983, Wilma was very involved with volunteering and stayed busy at Elm Crest Nursing Home, Harlan Hospital, the Red Cross Bloodmobile and her church. Wilma's neighbors were very important to her and her home became the meeting spot for daily conversations. She had a very large doll collection that she would take around and give programs. Until a few years ago, Wilma was still making her wonderful candy and cookies and delivering them to her many friends at Christmas time. Wilma became a resident of Elm Crest Assisted Living in December of 2007. She died on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at Creighton University Hospital in Omaha, NE, having attained the age of ninety-one years, two months, and nineteen days.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Elmer, granddaughter Jodie Havick, sisters: Mattie, Nellie, Frances, and Avis, and one brother Charles. She is survived by her sons: Bruce Havick and his wife Kay of Harlan, IA, Jim Havick and his wife Darlene of Shenandoah, IA, and Steven Havick and his wife Jill of Urbandale, IA; eight grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; her sister Helen and her husband Roy Forbis of Dallas, TX; nieces and nephews; other family members and many friends.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 7, 2008, with Pastor Dave Swinton officiating the 2:00 PM service at the United Methodist Church in Harlan, Iowa. Casket bearers were Scott Havick, Shane Havick, David Kohles, Ernie Foss, Scott Schiltz, and Dien Judge. Interment was held at the Harlan Cem-

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