

Carol Hopp, 84

Nov. 9, 1929 - Sept. 25, 2014

HARLAN — Carol Kristine Hopp, daughter of Horace and Rose (Johnson) Petersen, was born on November 9, 1929 in rural Harlan. She attended Jackson Township No. 1 rural school through the eighth grade and then Harlan High School where she graduated with the class of 1948.

July 6, 1948, Carol was united in marriage to Donald Arthur Hopp. To this union, four children were born: Cynthia, Larry, Gary and Kristie. In the early years of their marriage Carol helped with milking cows for Hopp's Dairy. In 1952, together with Don's parents, the couple purchased a dozer and began soil conservation work. This dozer purchase was the start of their business which became known as Hopp Construction Company. Over the years the business evolved into road construction projects in southwest Iowa and grading work for the development of various additions to the City of Harlan. Carol was instrumental in the business as the company's bookkeeper as well as a strong supporter of Don. Over the years she also worked as a bookkeeper for The Holiday Buffet and Harlan Feed Service. Carol was a licensed insurance agent for a number of years with crop hail business being a favorite for her. She often enjoyed meeting with her customers and chatting over a cup of coffee.

Carol grew up attending the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. She and Don were members of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan. Carol and Don enjoyed attending their children and grandchildren's school activities and sporting events. They continued to be regular supporters of Harlan Cyclone athletic



events. Go-cart and stock car racing events were a long-time activity for the couple as they followed their children and grandchildren in the races. Carol loved family gatherings and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed having coffee, playing cards and visiting with family and friends. When guests arrived at their home, Carol was a gracious host making sure to offer a cup of coffee and something to eat. Christmas gatherings were always a very special time for Carol when she loved hosting a delicious meal for all her children and their families. Tea parties with her granddaughters were also very special to her. Carol made her home with Don in rural Harlan for nearly 65 years. In 2013 Carol and Don moved to the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. Carol died on September 25, 2014 at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of eighty-four years, ten months and sixteen days.

In addition to her parents, Carol was preceded in death by her brothers: Eugene, Carl, Clemen and Timothy; her sisters: Irene Ladd and Mary Klitgaard and her in-laws: Warren Ladd, Howard Grann, James Larsen and Jack Ingwers; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law Arthur and Jennie Hopp. Those left to cherish her memory are husband Donald Hopp of Elk Horn; children: Cynthia and her husband Keith Hulsebus; Larry Hopp and his wife Linda; Gary Hopp and his wife Jodie; and Kristie Sterler all of Harlan; 13 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson; brothers and sisters: Frances Grann of Springfield, MO; Verda Larsen of Harlan; Lile and her husband Richard Petersen of Harlan; Norma Ingwers of Lakewood, CO; James Petersen and his wife Alveta of Fort Collins, CO; Linda Pollert of Wilmington, NC; in-laws: Richard Klitgaard of Harlan, Carol Petersen of Fort Collins, CO; Maxine Petersen of Eaton, CO and Frank Hopp and his wife Sylvia of York, PA; many nieces and nephews and several friends.

Pastor Donna Ewert officiated the 10:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, September 29, 2014 at the Congregational Church of Christ in Harlan. Serving as casket bearers were Bryce Hopp, David Hopp, Tom Hopp, Brett Hopp, Allan Hopp, Taimon Wehr, and Mark Hulsebus. Burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery.



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