

Ruby Lytle, 76

May 23, 1920 - Feb. 3, 1997

HARLAN - Ruby Lytle, daughter of Andrew and Chasty (Axland) Arvick, was born May 23, 1920, on a farm near Irwin. She was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, and later transferred to the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. After attending school in Irwin, she then graduated from Harlan High School in 1938.

Dec. 25, 1940, she married Wayne Lytle at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. Three children were born to that union. They began farming near Portsmouth and in 1942 he entered the United States Navy. After his discharge, he returned to Shelby County where they continued to farm in the Harlan and Irwin areas. In 1956, they moved to their present home in Harlan. She was a substitute cook at Park School, and later for two years was a cook at the Harlan High School. April 23, 1993, due to ill health, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. It was there that she died Feb. 3, 1997, at age 76 years, eight months and 11 days. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan.

In addition to her parents, an infant son, Larry Wayne Lytle, and her sisters, Joyce Arvick and Margaret Smitherman, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Lytle of Harlan; her children, Jack Jesse Lytle (Jeannie) of Omaha, NE and Barbara Ann Nelson (Denzil) of Harlan; four grandchildren; two step grandsons; two great grandchildren; her sister, Agnes Meseck of Storm Lake and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6, 1997 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Lisa Lytle, Aaron Nelson, Libby Lytle, T.J. Nelson, Brad Nelson and Jeff Nelson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

