

## Myrtle D. Miller, 97

Sept. 2, 1898 - Aug. 9, 1996

**HARLAN** - Myrtle Dorothy Miller, daughter of Hans S. and Kristina "Katie" (Erickson) Petersen, was born Sept. 2, 1898 on a farm in Audubon County. In 1900 the family moved to a farm in Polk Township where she attended Darway Country School and then graduated from Kirkman High School in 1917. She continued her education at Grandview College in Des Moines becoming an elementary teacher and teaching in Irwin, Audubon, Sibley and Oakland and Blue Island, IL.

Jan. 30, 1936, she married Wilbert Miller at Valparaiso, IN, whom she met while teaching in IL. He was a teacher, a football coach, and later worked as a sugar beet farm manager. To this union one daughter was born. They lived in Van Wert, OH; Mt. Clemons, MI and Coldwater, MI. After the death of her husband May 31, 1965, she returned to Harlan. Aug. 24, 1990, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home and has continued to make this her home. It was there that she died Aug. 9, 1996 at age 97 years, 11 months and seven days. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Friday Club, Shelby County Historical Society and P.E.O. of Harlan.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Wilbert, she was preceded in death by her two brothers, Wilmer Petersen and Vern Petersen. Surviving are her daughter, Jerre Karl (Thomas) of Shelby Township, MI; her three grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Ruby (Ray) Ferry of Irwin; Archie Petersen and Thelma Petersen both of Harlan; Marjorie Scheetz of Waukegan, IL and Victor Petersen (Adel) of Exira; her sister-in-law, Lola Petersen (Mrs. Vern) of Manilla; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 12, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen of the First United Methodist Church in Irwin and Kirkman officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman with Donald Ferry, Peter L. Steenhusen, Brandt Ferry, Steven Schattmaier, Rand Petersen and Richard Ferry casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.