

## Frieda Maahs, 92 ✓

*July 29, 1911 - May 19, 2004*

**HARLAN** – Frieda Bertha Maahs, the daughter of Fred and Laura (Reitz) Riepe, was born July 29, 1911, in Arapahoe, NE. She graduated from Arapahoe Public High School in 1929, and taught school near Arapahoe for a year. She then clerked in a general store for two years.

April 29, 1933, she married Walter Julius Earnest Maahs in Arapahoe. The couple farmed near Arapahoe until 1942, when they moved to Lexington, NE. In 1953, they moved to Gibbons, NE, where they lived until their retirement in 1975. Walter and Frieda then made their home in Kearney, NE. Walter died May 12, 1996, in Kearney. Frieda remained in their Kearney home until 1998, when she moved to Harlan. In November, 2001, Frieda became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community. Frieda was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. She died May 19, 2004, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 92 years, nine months and 20 days.

Preceding Frieda in death were her parents; her husband, Walter Maahs; five sisters, Minnie Wendland, Rose Hilker, Emma Wendland, Laura Wendland and Martha Millard; and two brothers, Adam Riepe and Benhard Riepe. She is survived by one daughter, Lori Schultz of Harlan; four grandchildren, Cynthia (William) Simmons of St. Joseph, MO; Carla Schultz of Dawn, MO; Heidi (Scott) Michael of Boone; and Lora (Allen) Bierbaum of Ames; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held May 22, 2004, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Heather Ploen of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harlan, officiating. Burial of ashes will take place at a later date at the Kearney Cemetery in Kearney, NE.

