

## Bonnie Mandelkow, 71

*Feb. 12, 1928 – Sept. 17, 1999*

**HARLAN** – Bonnie Eloise Mandelkow was born Feb. 12, 1928, near Botna, daughter of Glenn and Mabel Brown Fairchild. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Sept. 17, 1999, at age 71 years, seven months and five days. She grew up on a farm north of Kimballton and attended country schools, Audubon and Atlantic Public Schools.

She married Elmer Mandelkow Nov. 22, 1948, in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Bette and Ernie Hogeland at the Baptist Church in Harlan.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elmer; two brothers, Marvin and Kenneth Fairchild; and a sister, Dorothy Collins. She is survived by her three children, Steven (Linda Jo) of Denver, CO; Bruce (Cindy) of Colorado Springs, CO; and Diane (Rodney) Rihner of Harlan; eight grandchildren, Sommer, Bryn and Kaitlin of Denver; Angela and Nicholas of Colorado Springs; Heather, Holly and Aaron of Harlan; two great grandsons, Broc and Brody of Harlan; two sisters, Bette (Ernie) Hogeland of Avoca and Alice Swensen of Audubon; two brothers-in-law, Larry Collins of Spokane, WA and Walter Mandelkow of Belview, MN; and two sisters-in-law, Mary Fairchild of Carroll and Fran Fairchild of Danville.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Dale Mandelkow, Roger Swensen, Richard Van Erps, Mike Fairchild, Curtis Swensen and Rodney Rihner.