

Kathryn G. Mathiesen, 82

Feb. 9, 1917 – Aug. 16, 1999

HARLAN – Kathryn Grace Mathiesen, daughter of Orville and Jennie (Fraser) Dawson, was born Feb. 9, 1917, in Harlan. She was baptized at the Bethel Baptist Church and attended school in Harlan, and was a member of the graduating class of 1935 from Harlan Community High School.

She married Virgil Mathiesen at the Bethel Baptist Church Feb. 1, 1939, in Harlan. They were the parents of three children, Vernon, Donald and Carol. After their marriage they made their home in the Harlan area. She worked as a secretary for the Elm Crest Retirement Community and for the First Baptist Church in Harlan. She played the piano and the organ at church. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, a Sunday School teacher and was active in her women's church circle for many years. She died Aug. 16, 1999, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 82 years, six months and seven days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant sister, Ellen Jane; her brother, Melvin; and a grandson, Kristopher. Survivors include her husband, Virgil of Harlan; her children, Vernon Mathiesen (Carol) of Loudon, TN; Donald Mathiesen (Tomi) of Castle Rock, CO; Carol Woodin (Dennis) of Harlan; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Benson and Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jeff Ahlers, Craig Mathiesen, Randy Woodin, Jeff Mathiesen, Doug Mathiesen and Mike Mathiesen casket bearers.