

## Mabel S. Moran, 86

*Dec. 24, 1912 - May 22, 1999*

**HARLAN** - Mabel Sophie Moran, daughter of Ernest and Hilda (Johannson) Miller, was born Dec. 24, 1912, on a farm near Ricketts. She was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Schleswig, and confirmed at the Lutheran Church in Ida Grove. She attended elementary school and high school in Schleswig and Ida Grove.

She married Joseph Moran Aug. 13, 1940, at Ida Grove. Two children were born to this union, Dennis and Lee. In 1942, they owned a dry cleaning shop in Manning. In 1947, they moved to Harlan, and opened Moran's Cleaners. They later incorporated a drapery business with Moran's Cleaners. They later sold Moran's Cleaners and kept the drapery business until 1990 when she retired. Joe died Aug. 26, 1987, and Mabel moved into the Elm Crest Retirement Community in 1993. She died May 22, 1999, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 86 years, four months and 29 days.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Mildred. Survivors include her sons, Dennis Moran of La Vista, NE; Lee Moran (Maxine) of Eden Prairie, MN; her brother, Henry Miller (Dona) of Rockwell City; a sister-in-law, Gertrude Kirchner of Toledo; a brother-in-law, Bill Moran of Toledo; several grandchildren; great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 25, 1999, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Joe Clausen, Anker Rasmussen, Marle Lawyer, Ronald Moon, Sheldon Howerter and Rick Burchett casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.