

# Former Harlan co-publisher, Irene Mores, died Wednesday

**HARLAN** -- Former Harlan Newspapers co-publisher Helen (Irene) Mores, 86, Harlan, died Wed., Sept. 22 at Elm Crest Retirement Center, Harlan, after a lingering illness.

Family will meet friends on Friday, Sept. 24 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Pauley Jones Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Sat., Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with burial in the Harlan Cemetery.

Salutatorian of the HHS class of 1936 and graduate of the Univ. of Iowa with a BA in commerce, she married Harlan Tribune publisher Leo Mores on June 16, 1942.

**Mores** *please see next page*



Helen Irene Mores

While Leo served in WWII, she ran the family newspaper for three years. Upon Leo's return from military service in 1945, they purchased the competing Harlan News-Advertiser, and the operation became a twice-weekly newspaper. She retired from the family business in the mid-1990s.

Irene was a charter member of the First Baptist Church and past president and treasurer of the church Father Lights Society.

She was a past board and charter member of the Baptist Memorial Home (now Elm Crest) and was a leader in numerous fund drives for the facility. In 1997, she was honored for her more than 20 years of service to the Memorial Home Auxiliary.

A 1958 charter member of the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, she served until 1995. She also served the Harlan Library Board as president, vice president and secretary treasurer and co-chaired the fund drive for the construction of the new Harlan Community Library.

She was secretary of the Jones Beach (West Okoboji) Property Owners Assoc. for more than 20 years.

In 1975, she was named Merit Mother of Harlan; in 1976 she was named Iowa Merit Mother of the year, and in 1978 was named one of Harlan's Citizens of the Years.

She is survived by her husband, Leo; four children: Steve (Michelle) Mores, Harlan; Barbara (Martin) Johnson, Glen Ellyn, IL; Suzie (Herb) Laney, Hinsdale, IL and Alan (Donna Christensen-Mores) Mores, Harlan; nine grandchildren and one great grand daughter. Survivors also include: sister Bernadine K. White, Harlan; sister-in-law Sally (Gaillard) Frederickson, Birmingham, AL; nephew Dr. Robert Frederickson, Birmingham, AL and many other cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Gaillard.

See her complete obituary in a later edition of the Harlan Newspapers.