

Rachel C. McKeighan, 82

Feb. 26, 1916 - June 20, 1998 ✓

HARLAN - Rachel Charlotte McKeighan, daughter of Francis L. and Charlotte M. (Vennink) Kerr, was born Feb. 26, 1916, in Manilla. She was a graduate of the Manilla High School in 1935.

Rachel was married to Lewis C. Hemminger in 1937, at Manilla, and to this union three children were born. The couple farmed near Irwin.

Jan. 21, 1950, she married William McKeighan at Co. Bluffs, and they became the parents of two daughters. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan where they both were employed at Myrtue Memorial Hospital. She was employed at the hospital as a nurses aide for 23 years. William died July 31, 1993. After his death, she continued to make her home in Harlan. She became a resident of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, March 1, 1994, and it was there that she died June 20, 1998, at age 82 years, three months and 22 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William; her sister, Madelyn; her granddaughter, Kristie Marra, and great granddaughter, Sallie C. Marra. Survivors include her children, David Hemminger, Sr. (Marilyn) of Marshalltown; Richard Hemminger (Kathy) of Lake Elsinore, CA; Sallie Davis of Minden, NE; Kathleen (Darryl) Potter of Harlan; and Cindy Brewster of Nevada; 16 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; her brother, Donald Kerr (Jean) of Manilla; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 25, 1998, at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with James Davis, David Hemminger, Jr., Greg Specht, Dan Hemminger, Michael Schulte and Darryl Potter casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.