

## Dorothy Marie Rasmussen, 91

*Jan. 9, 1910 - Feb. 3, 2001*

**HARLAN** - Dorothy Marie Rasmussen, daughter of Sadie (Mattox) and Arthur Marshall Best, was born Jan. 9, 1910, near Tennant. She was baptized at the Shelby Presbyterian Church in Shelby, and attended grade school in Tennant, and graduated from Tennant High School.

Jan. 31, 1931, she married Melvin Albert Rasmussen at the Little Brown Church in Vale in Nashua. They then farmed southeast of Harlan until 1943, when they moved to Harlan. She then worked for a short time for a Harlan grocery store. She was an accomplished piano player, playing for barn dances in the area as well as the Corley Hall. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Harlan and a member of Lebanon Chapter No. 8 Order of Eastern Star of Harlan, the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Friday Club and the Federated Club. Because of ill health, she had become a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in July of 2000. It was here that she died Feb. 3, 2001, at age 91 years and 24 days.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Alice Havick, and her two brothers, Glenn Best and Lloyd Best. Survivors include her nieces and nephews, Merry Lee (Paul) Peterson of Shelby; Diane (Emmert) Anderson of Harlan; Joy (Gerald) Christiansen of Shelby; Allen Havick of Shelby; Dean Rasmussen (Caren) of Broad Brook, CT and Connie (Franklin) Paul of Persia; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Allan Havick, Dr. Gary W. Jorgensen, Paul Peterson, Emmert Andersen, Gerald Christiansen and Franklin Paul casket bearers.

