

Dorothy Reid, 83

July 11, 1923 - Jan. 22, 2007

HARLAN — Dorothy Nadine Reid was born July 11, 1923, to Robert and Ruth (Sargent) Larson in Glenwood, MN, where she spent the first four years of her life. After moving to Harlan, she attended the Harlan Community Schools and graduated with the class of 1941.

Dorothy married Malvern Reid June 14, 1941, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Seven children were born to this union, Sheryl, Robert, Sandra, Constance, Debra, John, and Steven. After their marriage, Malvern was drafted into the United States Army and Dorothy raised her family in the Harlan area until his return in July of 1943. After many years as a stay-at-home mom, Dorothy worked at Variety Distributors and owned and operated Reid's Pink Petal Flower Shop with her husband. She kept the books and helped manage Reid Bus Lines, a business started by her husband. She also volunteered at election polls. Dorothy spent a lot of time taking care of her husband as his health failed. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June of 2001 and Malvern died in November of 2001. She died Jan. 22, 2007, at her home in Harlan, after battling renal disease at age 83 years, six months, and 11 days.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Malvern; and her brother, Robert. She is survived by her children, Sheryl Reid of Ankeny; Robert (Judith) Reid of Torrance, CA; Sandra (Robert) Kleinpaste of Baltimore, MD; Constance Blum of Houston, TX; Debra Reid of Harlan; John (Vicky) Reid of Logan; and Steven (Susan) Reid of Harlan; a sister-in-law, Josephine Larson of Kansas City; 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 27, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Bob Hoefler officiating. Casket bearers were Justin Reid, Malvern John Reid III, Taylor Schleis, Ryan Schleis, David Weitt, Adam Helget and Jeffrey Reid. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

