

Lotus Garnet Richards, 91

Oct. 7, 1908 - Dec. 3, 1999

HARLAN - Lotus Richards, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Custer) Noble was born near Harlan, Oct. 7, 1908. She attended country school before her parents moved into Harlan. She then attended Harlan schools, graduating from high school in 1926.

May 14, 1927, she married Joseph Richards at the Methodist Parsonage in Harlan. After their marriage, they made their home in Irwin, where she worked at the Irwin Lumber Yard as a secretary and Joe worked as a carpenter. When her husband obtained a job in Harlan she began working as a waitress at Mickel's Restaurant riding to work with him everyday. After Joe's death Nov. 4, 1973, she continued to work at Mickel's and live in Irwin. In 1974, she became a resident at Westridge Apartments and resided there until 1995 when she became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community. She retired from Mickel's in 1991 after working there for over 30 years. After moving to Irwin in 1927, she became a member of the Irwin Church of Christ. She continued to attend there even after moving to Harlan. She died at the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan Dec. 3, 1999, at age 91 years, one month and 27 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Lucille Richards; and one brother, Harry Noble; and two sisters, Orpha Noble and Mae Noble. She is survived by her son, Edwin Richards of Bellevue, NE; three grandchildren, Vicki and Dan Richards and Diane Hansen; two great grandchildren, Jesse Richards and Joe Hansen; one sister, Iona (Ervin) Koos of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 6, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Ted Sieck officiating. Burial in Harlan Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Robert Bertsch and Franklin Rasmussen. Casket bearers were Dave Koos, Darrel Larsen, Larry Kock, Charles Gearhart, Bob Kloewer and Elliott Svendsen.

