

## Gladys Lucy Swank, 85

April 27, 1907 — March 5, 1993

**HARLAN** — Gladys Lucy Swank, daughter of Carl and Lucy (Cole) Fairchild was born at their farm near Kirkman, April 27, 1907. She died March 5, 1993, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 85 years, 10 months and 6 days. She grew up on her parents farm. She received her formal education in a rural school nearby. After finishing the 8th grade she stayed at home to help her mother.

March 12, 1925, she married Paul Swank in Harlan. Two sons were born to this union, Marion P. Swank, July 26, 1926 and Ed C. Swank, Nov. 6, 1935. They lived on several different farms in the Kirkman, Botna, Irwin, Walnut and Harlan areas. In 1951 they moved to a farm east of Harlan. She moved to Harlan following Paul's death on April 5, 1957. After moving into Harlan she worked for 15 years as laundry clerk at the Baptist Memorial Home. She moved to the Westridge Apartments in 1977, and became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in 1986. She was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Walnut.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1957; a son, Marion in 1931; three brothers, Ed, Glenn and Lafe Fairchild; and a sister, Nina Huffman. She is survived by her son, Edwin (Charlotte) of Harlan; 4 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; (her next great-grandchild was due the day she died); nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 8, 1993 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. Don Scheopf of First Christian Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin with Craig Woltmann, Franklin Rasmussen, David Woltmann, Kelly C. Fairchild, Kenneth Escher, and Lynn Christensen, casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.