

Alyce Mae Sorenson, 82

June 21, 1925 - Feb. 16, 2008

HARLAN — Alyce Mae (Doonan) Sorenson was born on June 21, 1925, to Lettimer and Mary (Jensen) Doonan in Polk Township, Shelby County, IA. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. She attended grade school at Polk No. 9 and Center No. 1 country schools. Alyce Mae and her parents moved to their home in Center township in 1937, where she enjoyed farm life.

February 25, 1945, Alyce Mae married Wayne Lund at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. To this union two children were born: Nola and Darvin both of Harlan. Wayne died May 5, 1965, and Alyce Mae continued to manage the farm and help her son raise hogs and sheep.

Alyce Mae married Vernon Sorenson on February 14, 1967. Vernon and Alyce Mae enjoyed traveling as well as living and working on the farm. Alyce Mae was always busy cleaning and baking, and whenever anyone would stop in, a cup of coffee or a glass of water was offered along with cookies and bars. She took pride in her home. She was always up around 5:00 a.m. and went to bed early. Over the years, Alyce Mae enjoyed her neighbors visits and the daily contacts by phone. Her favorite hobby was watching birds out her window, especially goldfinches and cardinals. She was blessed with three granddaughters and they were the joy of her life. On Saturday nights they would call Grams and ask if they could ride along to Harlan, eat out and do some shopping. Of course, Grams would always say, "you bet." She also had two great granddaughters of which she was very proud. When they visited her at the nursing home, she would always say, "Aren't they special." She died Saturday, February 16, 2008 at age 82 years, 7 mos., 26 days.

In addition to her parents and both husbands, Alyce Mae was proceeded in death by her brother, Wilford and her daughter-in-law, Joyce Lund. She is survived by her children: Nola Lund and Darvin Lund both of Harlan, IA; her three granddaughters, Tina (Kirk) Dekker of Sheldon, IA, Shelli Lund of Eagle Grove, IA, and Amy Lund of Washington, IA; and two great granddaughters Kourtney and Peyton Dekker of Sheldon, IA; and nephew Tom Lund of Harlan, IA; nieces Genevieve Wede of Atlantic, IA, and Linda Wisdom of Sterling, CO; other relatives and many friends.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, with Pastor Dave Swinton officiating the 10:30 AM service at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, IA. Honorary casket bearers were Richard and Julienne



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Ferry, Charles and Twyla Grabill, Duane and Marlene Christensen, Richard and Rosalie Andersen, and Art and Adeline Maxwell. Serving as casket bearers were Lenny Heimerman, Paul Petersen, Craig Christensen, Roger Whitson, Galen Grabill, Darrel Mathiasen, Steve Hansen, and Mike Thraen. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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