

Mae Summers, 86

May 22, 1916 - July 13, 2002

HARLAN – Mae Summers was born to Rosa Rumina (Paulk) and Burton Logan Guss May 22, 1916, at Irwin. She was baptized and confirmed at the Church of Christ in Irwin. She attended grade school and high school in Irwin and was Valedictorian of her graduating class.

April 4, 1937, she married Bernard Charles Summers at the Methodist Parsonage in Harlan. To this union, five children were born. Following their wedding, they made their home in Harlan. She semi-retired in 1980, but continued to cook on a part time basis. She was a member of First Christian Church in Harlan. Mae died July 13, 2002 at Little Flower Haven Nursing and Rehab Center in Earling at age eighty-six years, one month and twenty-one days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Bernard July 12, 1980; sisters, Evaline Will, Edith Murray and Sarah Wetzel; and brothers, James, Leslie and Delbert Guss. She is survived by her children, Charles "Charlie" Summers (Judy) of Harlan, Gerald "Jerry" Summers (Jane) of Harlan, Helen "Cookie" (Verle) Doonan, James Summers (Pearl) of Council Bluffs, and Mary Ann (Dale) Kaven of Schuyler, NE; thirteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Edwin Guss (Jessica) of Spirit Lake, ID, Howard Guss (Shirley) of Carson, CA, and Robert Guss (Lori) of Manhattan Beach, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 17, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. David Erickson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, with Matt Summers honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Rick Hartman, Charlie Summers, Jr., Bill Kaven, Chris Summers, John Doonan and Jim Summers.