

## Selma Walsh, 83

March 27, 1914 - Aug. 29, 1997

**HARLAN** - Bertha Selma Walsh, known to everyone as Selma, was the daughter of Andrew and Sadie (Benson) Flug, and born on a farm near Irwin, March 27, 1914. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin and attended country grade school. After graduating from Irwin High School in 1932, she moved to Minneapolis, MN to live near her sister. It was here that she met Douglas Tiffany and they were later married at Milbank, SD, June 14, 1934. Two children were born to this union.

During WW II she lived in Kansas City while her husband served in the United States Army. She served her country as well as being a neighborhood civil defense volunteer and also worked in a defense plant. After his discharge, they moved to California for a short time before she and her two children returned to Harlan in 1947, where she worked at the Chicken Hut Restaurant.

Sept. 22, 1948, she married Francis "Knobby" Walsh in Omaha, NE. They then made their home in Co. Bluffs. In 1950, they moved to Cheyenne, WY and then in 1966, they moved to California where he later died in 1968. She continued to live in California until 1973 when she returned to Harlan where she managed the Harlan Motel. She retired in 1982 because of her health and became a resident of Westridge Apartments, where she died Aug. 29, 1997, at age 83 years, five months and two days.

Preceding her in death in addition to her parents was her granddaughter, Sheila Lynn Schmitz; one sister, Selma Bertha; and five brothers, Daniel, Arthur, Charles, Leonard and Merlin. Survivors include her daughter, Angie (Darold) Witttrup of Harlan; her son, Douglas Tiffany (Ann) of Weatherford, TX; four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; three sisters, Mandy (Earl) Ellingson of Edina, MN; Agneta Sese of Ventura and Lenora Conrad of Harlan; one brother, Gaylord Flug (Delois) of Coquille, OR; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2, 1997, at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dennis Conrad, Richard Chamberlain, Charles Conrad, Bruce Ellingson, Edward Schmitz and Ronald Ellingson casket bearers.

