



Helen Wherrett, 80

June 23, 1914 - Jan. 9, 1995

Harlan - Helen F. Wherrett, daughter of John and Anna (Larson) Skidmore was born June 23, 1914 at Diamond Bluffs, WI. She attended elementary school in Prescott, WI and graduated from high school at Red Wing, WI. She attended college at River Falls, WI for one year before attending a business college in Minneapolis for one year. She then became a student at the School of Nursing in Rochester, MN and became a Registered Nurse in Jan. of 1941. Later after training at Cook County Hospital in Chicago she became a Nurse Anesthetist in Naeve

Hospital in Albert Lea, MN, a position she held until 1976.

She married Harry Davis Aug. 12, 1938 in MN. After Mr. Davis' death two years later, she continued to make her home in Albert Lea. During her lifetime, she was an active church member where she enjoyed playing the organ and piano.

She married Chester Ullman June 25, 1942 and they became the parents of one son Robert and one daughter Mary. During this time, they raised their children in Albert Lea where he was employed as an Insurance Agent.

Oct. 26, 1976, she married Rev. Owen Wherrett in Lebanon, OH and served as a pastor's wife wherever Rev. Wherrett was assigned. In 1981, because she had developed Parkinson's Disease, they returned to Harlan to retire. June 18, 1990 she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home and this has been her home since that time. She died Jan. 9, 1995 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 80. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Harlan. She had a beautiful musical talent, and for the 25 years that she lived in Albert Lee was the church organist at the Baptist Church there.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Owen Wherrett of Harlan; her children, Robert Ullman of Sterling, VA and Mary Moden of Athens, OH; Owen's daughter, Marjorie (Ernest) Plagman of Irwin; Owen's sons, Robert Wherrett of Orlando, FL and James A. (Mary) Wherrett of Omaha, NE; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, John Skidmore of Southbury, CT and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 12, 1995 at the First Baptist Church in Harlan with Pastor Jeff Nelsen officiating. Burial was in Merrill's Grove cemetery with Paul Nelson, Stanley S. Hansen, Earl Waddell, Robert Burton, Ernest Plagman and Dean Bartelson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.