

Mrs Ethel Paulk, 84

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Harlan — Ethel Sylvia Paulk, daughter of Elmer A. and Edith A. Norton Turner was born on July 26, 1896, in Harlan. She graduated from Harlan high school and afterwards taught school in Corley.

On Sept. 29, 1915, she married Charles E. Paulk in Harlan. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan, where Mr Paulk owned and operated a clothing store. She was a member of Congregational Christian church in Harlan and was also active in many community affairs. She served on the school board for 12 years, the Republican Women's Group, Women's Fellowship of Congregational Christian church - United Church of Christ on both local and state levels, was a member of Harlan's Literary club and the Delphian Society.

After her husband's death on Sept. 9, 1952, Mrs Paulk served as housemother for five years in the first men's dormitory built on the Morningside campus at Sioux City. She then returned to Harlan to retire. In 1973, she became a resident of Baptist Memorial Home, where she died on Sunday, Sept. 28, 1980, at age 84 years, 2 months and 2 days.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Reuel and two sisters, Helen and Erma. Survivors include her two sons, Gordon of Harlan and Robert of Stockton, Mo.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Congregational Christian church, Harlan, on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1980 with Rev. David E. Cave, Pastor of Congregational Christian church, officiating. Burial was held at Harlan cemetery with Robert T. Paulk, Gordon C. Paulk, Stephen G. Paulk, Douglas C. Paulk, Elmer J. Norgaard and H.W. (Bud) Ouren serving as casketbearers.