

Hilga Cordes, 91

June 4, 1915 - Oct. 7, 2006

HARLAN — Hilga Cordes, daughter of Nels and Dagmer (Christiansen) Jensen, was born June 4, 1915, in Gates. Hilga was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. She attended country school through her seventh grade year in Gates, and then worked as a maid and nanny until her marriage.

Hilga married Hugo Cordes in Maryville, MO, May 22, 1942. Two sons were born to the union of Hilga and Hugo, Byron and Wayne. The Cordes family began farming shortly after their marriage, living next to Hugo's parents. They moved to a farm near Walnut in the late 1940's and remained there until 1970 when they purchased and operated a farm near Adair. After their retirement in 1977, they moved to Harlan, and lived within a block of where Hilga had worked as a young woman. In 2001, she moved into the Elm Crest Retirement Home where she lived until her death at Myrtue Medical Center Oct. 7, 2006, at age 91 years, four months, and three days.

Hilga was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister, her husband, and one son. She is survived by her son, Wayne (Ann) of Plano, TX; daughter-in-law, Melody (Dale) Lippold of Avoca; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Celebration of Life was celebrated Oct. 11, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home - Avoca Chapel with Pastor Greg White officiating. Burial was held at the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with Brett Cordes, Kevin Cordes, Allen Cordes, Dalton Jensen Darrell Nelson and Tylor Lang casket bearers

