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Irene Hansen, 83

Aug. 25, 1922 - Oct. 12, 2005

HARLAN — Irene Marie Hansen, daughter of Henry and Blanche (Keairnes) Bieker was born Aug. 25, 1922, in Defiance. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church and attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Defiance graduating with the class of 1940. During high school, Irene played basketball and after graduation, worked with her father and uncle at the Defiance Telephone Company.

May 28, 1942, Irene married Orville "Herk" Hansen in Defiance. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, the family made their home in Harlan. Irene was a very artistic person and it was seen in her many quilts that she made by hand. Irene died at her home in Harlan Oct. 12, 2005, at age 83 years, one month and 18 days.

In addition to her parents, Irene was preceded in death by her husband, "Herk"; her grandson, Trevor Erickson; and her brothers, Ed and Leo Bieker. She is survived by her children, Lesly (Eldon) Erickson; Jim Hansen (Sandy), all of Harlan; and Lynn Sparks of Des Moines; her grandchildren, Sherry Hansen, Jeff Hansen (Chris), Mark Hansen, Kara Sparks and James Sparks II; her great grandchildren, Gina, Cody, Dylan, Alex and Jacob Hansen; her sister, Dorothy Stenzel of Plainfield, IL; her sisters-in-law, Mildred "Mick" Bieker of Harlan and Doy Hansen Slay of Florida; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Oct. 15, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Al Hazelton officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

