

Veta G. Havick, 88

June 2, 1911 - Aug. 30, 1999

HARLAN - Veta Grace (Plumb) Havick, daughter of Alfred and E. Inez (Custer) Plumb, was born June 2, 1911, at Harlan. She grew up on a farm and graduated from Tennant Consolidated High School in 1928. After graduating, she remained at home to care for her dad, who had a heart ailment, and to help her mom with the younger children.

April 11, 1931, she married Harold Havick at the Methodist Church in Harlan. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed land east and north of Tennant. Veta helped harvest the corn and had a major role in the milking operation, raised many chickens and had a large garden. She was employed in the dietary kitchen for three years at the Baptist Memorial Home. She was a member of the Tennant United Methodist Church and became a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan when she and Harold retired from farming and moved to the home they purchased in Harlan, Feb. 9, 1977. She was an active member of the Women's Society in both churches, and a member of Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Veta was a 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher, member of a neighborhood social club and a member of a neighborhood knitting group. She died Aug. 30, 1999, at the Elm Crest Retirement Center in Harlan, where she had been a resident for several years, at age 88 years, two months and 28 days.

In addition to her husband, Harold, who died June 23, 1994, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Leila; a grandson, Kent Christensen; one sister, Lotus Poole; and one brother, Francis Plumb. She is survived by her children, Carol (Jack) Christensen of Harlan; Jeanet Lebsock and her friend, Bill Wilson of Sterling, CO; Dr. Alfred Havick of Marshalltown and Dixie (Terry) Boeck of Fremont, NE; seven grandchildren 14 great grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; two step great great grandchildren; three sisters, Iva (Merrill) Smith of Encinitas, CA; Shirley Morris of Tequesta, FL; and Myrtle Hindle of West Palm Beach, FL; and a brother, Max Plumb (Evelyn) of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dave Pickrel, Rannette Heitschmidt, Leah Merz, Debbie Klindt, Steve Heitschmidt, Cary Pickrel, Suzy Christensen, Tricia Kruse and Angie Pickrel honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Dave Merz, Ann Pickrel, Jon Kruse, Jay Christensen, Dan Klindt and Jill Christensen.

