

Lillian Juhl, 85 ✓

Jan. 13, 1927 - July 27, 2012

IRWIN — Lillian Elaine Juhl, the daughter of Everet John and Lillie Ann (Wright) Zaiger, was born on January 13, 1927, in rural Audubon. Following her father's death, she was raised by her mother and stepfather, Elvin P. Jessen. She attended Audubon schools and graduated from Audubon High School in 1945.

November 4, 1944, at the Church of Christ in Atchison, KS, Lillian married LaVerne Lowell Juhl. The couple farmed in Shelby County and Audubon County. Lillian and LaVerne retired from active farming in 1978 due to LaVerne's poor health. Following LaVerne's death on January 1, 2001, Lillian remained in their home in Irwin, where they had lived since 1976. In June 2011, she moved from her home to the Elm Crest Retirement Community. Lillian was a longtime member of the Irwin Church of Christ and also enjoyed being a part of the Pleasant Valley neighborhood club. She liked to spend time sewing, gardening, canning, and tending her flowers. When her children were young, she served as a 4-H leader. LaVerne and Lillian both loved spending winters in Mesa, AZ. Lillian E. Juhl died on Friday, July 27, 2012, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, at the age of 85 years, 6 months, and 14 days.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LaVerne Juhl; one son, Merle Juhl; one grandson, Rick Doyle; and two brothers, John L. Zaiger and Ralph Zaiger. She is survived by three sons, Lowell (Wanda) Juhl of Harlan, Roger (Karen) Juhl of Akron, PA, and Bruce Juhl of Denver, CO; one daughter, Myrna (Richard) Schwarte of Irwin; one brother, LeRoy Jessen of Waukee; ten grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 30, 2012, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan, with Pastor Ted Sieck officiating. Peggy Doonan served as the organist. Honorary casket bearers were David Juhl, Anne Schwarte, Jeffrey Juhl, Rick Schwarte, Vernon Schwarte, Jeanine Schwarte, Rodney Doyle, Rick Doyle, Richard Doyle, and Arlene Doyle. Active bearers were Leon Zaiger, Richard Juhl, Tim Holloway, Amanda Wilken, Kara Schwarte, and Samantha Schwarte. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.

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