

Bernice Linden, 73

Oct. 2, 1930 - April 12, 2004

HARLAN – Bernice Christine Linden, the daughter of Emanuel and Margaret (Marcusen) Andersen, was born Oct. 2, 1930, near Kimballton. She attended country school at Sharon Center in Audubon County, grades K-2; Irwin Consolidated Schools, grades 3-6; rural Audubon County School, grades 7 and 8; Audubon High School, grade 9; and Harlan High School, grades 10-12, graduating in 1949. She also attended Iowa Western Community College in Harlan, graduating in 1982 from the Licensed Practical Nursing Program.



Bernice married Duane O. Linden Jan. 10, 1950, at the Tennant Methodist Church. They were blessed with eight children, Dean, Sharon, Shirley, Susan, Sarah, Sally, Sena and Shawn. Duane and Bernice always farmed in Shelby County, as well as for a short time in Harrison County and in Missouri. In 1982, they moved to Harlan. Duane died April 22, 1990. Bernice shared her life as homemaker and helping with spring and fall farm work. As a Licensed Practical Nurse, she worked with Shelby County Home Health, the Baptist Memorial Home and in private Home Health Care. She was active for many years in 4-H as a local leader, area judge and as a member of the 4-H County Committee. She was also active in her church and as a volunteer for the Lincoln Social Club and was a past member of the Pioneer Country Club. This year marked 44 consecutive years of 4-H involvement for Bernice and her family. She died April 19, 2004, at age 73 years, six months and 17 days.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Duane, and her parents, Emanuel and Margaret. She is survived by her children, Dean Linden (Dr. Deborah) of Walnut; Sharon (Darrel) Mathiasen of Harlan; Shirley Linden and her friend, Dennis Tschirren of Omaha, NE; Susan (Fred) Nelson of Audubon; Sarah (Jack) Christensen of North Mankato, MN; Sally (Col. James) Kolling of Beale Air Force Base, CA; Sena Linden of Waterloo; and Shawn (Scott) McLaughlin of Defiance. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Rebecca Mathiasen (Chris Spurgeon) of Omaha, NE; Tricia (Ryan) Krull of Omaha, NE; Jessica and Jonathan Troll, both of Omaha, NE; Jeppe Nelson of Ames; James Nelson of Audubon; Katie and Jana Christensen of North Mankato, MN; Samuel, Joseph and Sarah Kolling of Beale Air Force Base, CA; Samantha, Oscar and Dane Prince of Dousman, WI; Samuel, Jacob and William McLaughlin of Defiance; one great-granddaughter, Kaylie Mathiasen of Omaha, NE; and one brother, Howard Andersen (Dorothy) of Harlan.

Funeral services were held April 22, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dean Linden, Darrel Mathiasen, Fred Nelson, Jack Christensen, Col. James Kolling, Scott McLaughlin, Dennis Tschirren, Jonathan Troll, Jeppe Nelson and James Nelson casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.