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## Mildred Monson, 93 / Sept. 7, 1913 - Nov. 12, 2006

HARLAN — Mildred Louise Monson, daughter of Jesse V. and Inga Elise (Martinson) Groat, was born Sept. 7, 1913, in Irwin. She was raised in Irwin and graduated from Irwin High School in 1931.

Mildred married Herman M. Monson June 22, 1940. During her life, she worked as a switchboard operator, egg candler, and waitress. She moved to Harlan, in 1971, to be closer to her son and his family. For a number of years she worked at the Baptist Memorial Home (Elm Crest Retirement Community) in Harlan; she retired in 1975. She became a resident of Elm Crest in 2004. She died Nov. 12, 2006, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community, at age 93 years, two months, and five days.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include one son, Richard (Sharon) Monson of Harlan; one daughter, Nancy (Dan) Evans of Balaton, MN; one brother, Marvin Groat of Ames; six grandchildren, Wendy (Russ) Pixler of Ames; Brian Sanders of Seattle, WA; Sean Monson and Brandon (Jessica) Monson, both of Harlan; and Chevonne Monson and Derek Monson, both of Omaha, NE; three great-grandchildren, Jonathan Pixler and Kiersten Pixler, both of Ames, and Chase Allyn Monson of Harlan; and other relatives.

A private memorial service was held Nov. 15, 2006, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Rev. David Swinton officiating. Burial of ashes was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.