

## Helen L. Obrecht, 83

*June 18, 1917 - Feb. 22, 2001*

**HARLAN** – Helen Lurene Obrecht was born June 18, 1917, to Millie (Paulsen) and Louis Jensen in Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, and attended Harlan schools graduating from Harlan High School in 1936.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1937, she married Donald L. Obrecht at her parents' home in Harlan. The couple farmed for two years west of Corley, later moving to a farm in the Center Township area. To this union five children were born. She was employed at her parents' canning factory. Helen became a member of the United Methodist Church in Harlan in 1950. She was a member of the Center Social Club for many years, the Builder's Class and United Methodist Church Women. She was selected for the Shelby County 4-H Hall of Fame and the family was selected as the Shelby County 4-H Family of the Year. She died Feb. 22, 2001, at Myrtle Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, eight months and four days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Obrecht in 1979, and one grandson, Greg L. Obrecht in 1986. She is survived by her children, Charles Obrecht (Judy) of Harlan; Donna (Robert) Scheel of Harlan; Karla Lemon and her special friend, Ralph Little of Harlan; twins, Lyle Obrecht of Harlan and Larry Obrecht (Sally) of Harlan; 15 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; sister, Ethel Campbell of Harlan; brother, Louis Jensen, Jr. (Virginia) of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dave Dau, Mike Weisenborn, Jeff Scheel, Chuck Obrecht, Chad Obrecht and Don Obrecht casket bearers.

