

Crystal Pash, 84

Feb. 2, 1929 - March 23, 2013

HARLAN – Crystal Jenelle Pash was born on February 2, 1929 to Eddie and Esther Petersen at the family farm home near Harlan. She was baptized at the newly formed Bethel Baptist Church in 1936 where she was a charter member and remained until 2005 when she joined First Baptist Church in Harlan. She attended country school at Douglas Township No. 9, Kirkman School through the tenth grade, and Harlan High School graduating with the Class of 1946. After graduation, she worked as a secretary at the Harlan Chamber of Commerce earning \$ 5.50 per week. She worked at the Shelby County Welfare office until 1949.



July 21, 1948, Crystal was united in marriage to Olin "Olie" Pash at her parent's farm home near Harlan. They became parents to five children: Janis, Jolene, Randy, Redge, and Ron. Crystal was a full-time housewife on the farm. In 1966, the family moved to town. She worked with Olie at the family-owned Oliver Dealership then at the John Deere Dealership. After her children were grown, Crystal received her LPN degree in 1978 and worked as a nurse at the Baptist Memorial Home. In 1987, she began working at CDS in data entry until her retirement in 1994. Most important in Crystal's life were her children and family whom she spent her life caring for. Her home, friends, and church were the foundation of her life. She loved singing, flowers, gardening, backyard life-guarding, Bible reading, good food, flying, and being a grandma. Crystal loved to provide a comfortable home to all her children and grandchildren, where everyone - family, friends, and neighbors were welcomed and treated with tenderness and hugs. Crystal went home to be with her Lord peacefully on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan surrounded by her husband, all her children, many grandchildren, a great-grandchild, relatives and friends. She had attained the age of eighty-four years, one month, and twenty-one days.

Crystal was preceded in death by her parents, her son Ron, and her grandson David Krogstad. She is survived by her husband of sixty-four years, Olie Pash of Harlan; daughters Janis and her husband Douglas D'Arcy of Harlan, and Jolene and her husband Larry Mitchell of Atlantic; sons Randy Pash and his wife Pat of Harlan, and Redge Pash and his wife Nancy of Harlan; nineteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; brother Gayle "Whitey" Petersen and his wife Sharon of Harlan; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Dan Hawn officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, March 29, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Harlan. Helen Warren accompanied Jason Button. Honorary casket

bearers were Ron Jensen, Gayle "Whitey" Petersen, Bev Jensen, Lowell Jensen, Virgil Christensen, Yvonne Johnson, and Vernon "Hookie" Christensen. Serving as casket bearers were Carey Texler, Christopher Button, Jason Button, Adam Pash, Colby Pash, and April Pash. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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