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## Ellen "Ellie" Whitaker, 67 ✓

*May 20, 1937 - March 29, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Ellen "Ellie" Ann Whitaker, the daughter of Vernon and Effie Christensen Rold, was born May 20, 1937, in Shelby County. She attended Monroe Country School No. 2 and was a member of the graduating class of 1955 from Harlan Community High School.

Dec. 5, 1971, Ellie married Michael Whitaker at Altamont Baptist Church in rural Harlan. One son was born to this union, Christopher. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. She worked in several Harlan businesses. Ellie's main priority was being a wife and a mother. Whenever she was asked what her occupation was she would respond with "Domestic Engineer." Ellie was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ. Ellie died March 29, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital after a strong battle with cancer, at age 67 years, 10 months and nine days.

In addition to her parents, Ellie was preceded in death by her brother, Howard. Survivors include her husband, Michael of Harlan; her son, Christopher Whitaker of Carroll; her sisters, Myrna (Kenneth) Peters of Walnut; Ardella Rold of Hastings, NE and other relatives.

Funeral Services were held April 2, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, with Rev. Donna Ewert officiating. Casket bearers were Larry Manz, Tom Tremmel, Richard A. Jones, Byron "Doc" Christensen, Orlin "Buck" Pauley, Garry Blum, Denzil Nelson, and Leo "Spike" Kloewer. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

