



Blanche M. Howe, 86

Atlantic - Blanche Mae Howe, daughter of Walter and Mariah Jane Bellis Brock, was born at Dunlap, on Aug. 18, 1893. She attended school and grew to adulthood in Dunlap. After completing her education, Blanche taught in rural schools in the area and in Dunlap.

On April 23, 1916, she married Claude Howe at the Logan Christian church. Six children were born to this union. They farmed in the Defiance vicinity until 1945, when they moved to a farm northeast of Shelby. This was their home until 1958 when they moved Portsmouth, until retiring and moving to Shelby in 1960. They were privileged to celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary in April of 1975. After Mr. Howe's death in Nov. of 1975, Blanche continued to live in Shelby for a short time and then moved to Harlan. She became a resident of the Atlantic Care Center in April of 1978 and this has been her home since that time. It was here that she died on Sunday, March 30, 1980, at age of 86 years, 7 months and 12 days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Rose Brock; and four brothers - Joseph, Russell, Clifford, and Frank Brock. Survivors include four sons - Donald of Phoenix, Ariz., Leonard of Co. Bluffs, Tracy of Hancock, and Lowell of Kirkman; two daughters - Dorothy (Mrs. Calvin) Sims of Hawthorne, Nev., and Ina Howe of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Bessie Brock of Co. Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 2, 1980, with Rev. David J. Ohrt, pastor of the Hancock United Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery in Dunlap, with Merwin Hall, Warren Howe, Robert Brock, David McCann, Teddy Andersen, and Lloyd Kosmacek serving as casketbearers.