



## **Gertrude M. Kinsel, 84**

Harlan — Gertrude Mae Kinsel, daughter of John and Lida Jane (Errett) Billeter, was born in Fremont, Nebr., on May 17, 1893. As a small girl, she moved with her parents to Muskogee, Okla., and later lived in Kansas where she grew to adulthood. In 1922, she married Oscar McConnell at Harlan. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs McConnell made their home in Harlan where they ran the Iowa Hotel and the Sunnyside Hotel for many years. After Mr McConnell's death in 1948, Gertrude retired and continued to live in Harlan. On May 23, 1962, she married Clarion Kinsel in Fremont, Nebr. Mr and Mrs Kinsel have made their home in Harlan since then. Mrs Kinsel died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Jan. 10, 1978, at age 84 years, 7 months and 23 days. She was a long time member of the First United Methodist church and the United Methodist Women in Harlan.

In addition to her parents and Mr McConnell, she was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Jensen. Her survivors include her husband, Clarion Kinsel, of Harlan; a brother, Orrell Billeter of Oregon; two sisters - Elva Sanders of Oregon and Thelma (Mrs Harry Stahl) of San Diego, Calif.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Thursday, Jan. 12, 1978, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Don Blakely, Nick Hansen, Phil Miller, Arthur Linde, George Chambers and Donald E. Petersen serving as casket-bearers.