



Mrs Charles Maysent, 80

Harlan — Martha Clara Maysent, daughter of Adam and Mathilda Olsen Heilesen was born on a farm in Shelby county near Cuppy's Grove on March 30, 1898. This was her home until she was 11, then the family moved to a farm near Kirkman. Martha attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. She then taught school in a small one-room schoolhouse two miles east of the family farm. On Dec. 24, 1919, she married Charles D. Maysent in Harlan. Three children were born to this union.

After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Maysent made their home on the Maysent family farm near Kirkman. This was their home until retiring from farming in 1951. They moved into Harlan and this has been their home since that time. They would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this coming Dec. Martha was an active member of the Kirkman Methodist church, while on the farm and since living in Harlan, has been very active in the First United Methodist church and the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Garden club, the Friday club, and the Shelby County Historical Society. She had the honor of being chosen as a nominee for Iowa Mother of the Year in 1961.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna; three brothers - Elmer, Frank and Dr. William Heilesen; her twin sister, Marie Sorensen and by a sister, Florence Leslie. Survivors include her husband, Charles, of Harlan; her son, Charles of Kansas City, Mo.; her daughter, Nadine (Mrs Don Floyd) of Minneapolis, Minn.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; by a brother, Arthur Heilesen of Harlan; three sisters - Beulah Adams of Harlan; Ella Sorensen of Canonsburg, Penn. and Hazel (Mrs Victor Nordquist) of Berkeley, Calif.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Friday, Sept. 22, 1978 with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Henry Kaufman, Ray H. Larson and Marvin J. Rasmussen as honorary casketbearers and Dick Powell, Deane Blakely, Robert Lansman, Gailard Heflin, Leonard L. Fiscus and Lyle (Dick) Plumb serving as casketbearers.
