

Mrs Blanche Tank, 87

Harlan — Mary Blanche Tank, daughter of Thomas and Catherine Seamer Barratt was born on a farm in Shelby county, south of Irwin on April 30, 1891. She attended country school and later attended high school in Irwin plus several sessions of summer school. She then taught in public schools in the area until she married Henry E. Tank on June 19, 1912, at the Barratt home three miles south of Irwin. Three children were born to this union.

After their marriage, they farmed near Irwin and Harlan until 1929 when they moved to a farm on the south edge of Harlan. They retired from farming in 1932 but continued to make Harlan their home. After Mr Tank's death in May of 1966, Blanche continued to live in Harlan. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in 1975 and this has been her home since that time.

Mrs Tank died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1979, at age 87 years, 8 months and two days. Blanche had been a life time resident of Shelby county and a life long member of the Methodist church, transferring her membership from the church at Irwin to the First United Methodist church at Harlan over 50 years ago. She was an active member of the church and Women's Society of Christian Service, now known as the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge, No. 286, the Past Noble Grand's Association, and was active in many community affairs.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers - Frank, Bruce, George, Thomas and a brother in infancy; and by a sister, Florence Monson. Survivors include two sons - Gaillard B. Tank of Columbus, Nebr., and Charles E. Tank of Puyallup, Wash., a daughter, Mrs Evelyn Jespersen of Harlan, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a sister, Maude Murphy of Elliott, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Friday, Jan. 5, 1979 with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Deane Blakely, Leonard Dinesen, Gaillard Heflin, Fred Louis, Jr., Glenn F. Thummel and Robert E. Lansman serving as casket-bearers.

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