

Myrtle Mitchell

DEFIANCE — Myrtle May Mitchell was born on May 4, 1887 on a farm near Defiance, the eldest child of Robert and Lottie (Holmes) Smith. She died Nov. 2, 1976 at her home in Defiance, at age 89 years, 5 months and 28 days. She attended country school and grew to adulthood on her parent's farm. She married Alex Mitchell on June 13, 1902 in Omaha, Nebr. After their marriage, they farmed in the Kirkman and Manilla areas until they moved to the Defiance area in 1910. They left the farm and moved into Defiance in 1943. After the death of her husband in 1945, she operated a private nursing home from her residence for a number of years. Myrtle was a long time member of the Defiance United Methodist church.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers - Clyde, Albert, Roy, Lloyd and Murl Smith and by two sisters - Lillie Smith and Anna Frazier. She is survived by one son, Robert; his wife, Wilma; four grandchildren - Rose (Mrs Robert Wessels), Roberta Mitchell, Robin Mitchell and Linda (Mrs Duane Musich); and by seven great-grandchildren, by a sister, Mrs Rose Rothe, of Griswold; three brothers - Floyd Smith of Denison, Earl Smith of Omaha and Sam Smith of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Friday, Nov. 5, 1976, with Rev. J. Elmer Brunk and Rev Fred P. Reischl officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery near Kirkman, with Hi Weiland, Harold Bengel, Warren Becker, Francis Kenkel, Leonard Bissen and David Hulsebus serving as casketbearers.