

Esther G. Boardman, 83

June 24, 1914 - July 25, 1997

HARLAN - Esther Glenda Boardman, daughter of Harvey James and Flossie Ethel (Roberts) McFate, was born June 24, 1914, in rural Poweshiek County near Grinnell. She was baptized at a country church near her hometown. She attended country school and was a graduate of Grinnell High School at the age of 16, with a Latin major. She then attended Grinnell College, Iowa State Teachers College and Iowa State College in Ames where she met Jesse Boardman. She taught rural school in Powshiek County from 1934 to 1937.

July 3, 1938, she married Jesse Boardman at her parents' farm near Muscatine. To this union three daughters were born. They lived on a farm near Harlan and then a farm near Tennant. She helped her husband with the farm work and returned to teaching in 1961 for the Shelby Tennant Schools and then the Harlan Community Schools. She retired from teaching in 1966 for health reasons. They retired from the farm in 1973 and moved to Harlan. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women in Harlan. She was a past member of the United Methodist Church in Tennant, where she was active in the women's group and taught Sunday School. She had been active as a leader in 4-H and was a member of the Lincoln Social Club and a knitting club. July 25, 1997 she died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha at age 83 years, one month and one day.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Ralph and Harvey, and her infant sister, Rachel. Surviving are her husband, Jesse of Harlan; her daughters, Jannis Hoobin (Edward) of Des Moines; Lorna Kesler (William) of St. Louis, MO and Betty Jo Andrews (Dean) of Holden, MA; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; her sister, Marjorie Christensen of Milwaukee, WI; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 29, 1997, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Nathan Andrews, John Soper, Dylan Kesler, Philip Andrews, Mark Andrews and Corey Kesler casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.