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Stella P. Calkins, 85

Sept. 1, 1912 - Feb. 8, 1998

EARLING - Stella Pearl Colthar Kemen Calkins, daughter of Clarence Smith and Ida Lulu (Hancock) Colthar, was born Sept. 1, 1912, at New Hope, OH. She completed the eighth grade. Her father had her excused from high school because she was such a strong farm worker. She also worked at a candy factory and in a clothing store. Prior to her marriage, she came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This was an important part of her life.

June 30, 1936, she married John E. Kemen at Cincinnati, OH. To this union two daughters were born. She was a homemaker and an avid gardener. In 1977, they moved to California on their retirement. They lived at Carlsbad, CA. John died Feb. 26, 1984. She then married Ralph Calkins who died in 1989. She was a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home. It was there that she died Feb. 8, 1998, at age 85 years, five months and seven days.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Eileen Butz, and her brothers and sisters, Alice, Alden, Richard, Mary and William. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Pedersen (David) of Harlan; four children, Pamela Ann Butz of Lincoln, IL; Phil Pedersen (Julie) and their children, Joshua and Danielle of Harlan; Amy Keast (Steve) and their daughter, Madison, of Harlan; and Andrea Jordan (Chris) and their children, Meghan, Rachel and Matthew of Lake Oswego, OR, and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Feb. 10, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. John E. Hester officiating. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.