

Bessie Cooper, 84

Oct. 29, 1916 – Aug. 21, 2001

LOGAN – Bessie E. Cooper was born Oct. 29, 1916, in Harrison County, to George and Mamie (Parks) Withem. She attended and graduated from the Mondamin High School.

Bessie married Vernard L. Cooper, Sr. Dec. 16, 1935, in Missouri Valley. She was a homemaker and later a custodian for the Council Bluffs School System. She was formerly of Logan and now lived in Irwin. She died Aug. 21, 2001, at age 84 years at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vernard; one sister and three brothers. Survivors include her children, LeRoy Cooper (Myrna) of Harlan; Phyllis Davis (Jerry) of Lampe, MO; Phillip Cooper, Sr. of Pacific Junction; Vernard Cooper, Jr. (Fran) of Harlan; Darlene Slack (Danny) of Council Bluffs; Marlene Atilano of Irwin; sisters, Mildred Godden of Missouri Valley; Norma Edmonds of River Sioux; Lois Cooper of Logan; brother, Robert Withem of Missouri Valley; 20 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 2001, at the Logan Memorial Chapel. Burial was in the Calhoun Cemetery, Missouri Valley. Casket bearers were Rick Cooper, Shawn Page, Patrick Cooper, Gary Cooper, Terry Cooper and Jeffrey Cooper.
