

## Alice "Jean" Dittmer, 78

*April 18, 1927 - Oct. 7, 2005*

**SHELBY** — Alice Jean Dittmer was born at home April 18, 1927, to Clarence and Alice McKeown Bittle in Harlan. She attended both Park Elementary and Laurel Elementary Schools in Harlan and graduated from Harlan High School in 1945. After high school, she went to nurse's training at Immanuel Lutheran Hospital in Omaha, NE. She was a member of the last class of the Nurse Cadets of World War II.

Feb. 22, 1948, Jean married Lawrence Dittmer in the Harlan Methodist Church Chapel. They farmed southeast of Minden, until they bought their farm west of Shelby, and moved there in 1959. They farmed there until they moved into Shelby in 1993. She was active in many organizations including the Harlan Methodist Church, the Shelby Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for a number of years, Shelby Bible Study Class, Federated Club, Shelby Study Club, Carstens Farm Group and the Kiwanis. She was also a member of the Harlan Girl Scouts, Rainbow Girls and World War II Service Scouts. She died in Omaha, NE, Oct. 7, 2005, at age 78.

Jean is survived by her husband, Lawrence; sons, David (Leora) of Minden; Timothy (Tracy) of Neosho, MO; daughter, Joan (Myron) Halverson of Sioux City; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her sisters, Donna (Vern) Ensminger of Shelby and Patricia (Richard) Gorton of San Diego, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10, 2005, at the Shelby Methodist Church with Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Hailey Dittmer, Logan Dittmer, Alexa Dittmer and Miranda Dittmer. Casket bearers were Weston Dittmer, Jonathan Dittmer, Tiffany Hall, Jason Dittmer, Benjamin Hall, Jonathan Halverson, Colburn Dittmer, Nathan Hall and Nathan Halverson. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.

