

## Annabel L. Findlay, 81

*Feb. 7, 1921 - March 15, 2002*

**HARLAN** – Annabel Lee Findlay was born to Beulah Adale (Landess) and Thomas Baldrige Feb. 7, 1921, in Ashley, IL. She was baptized and confirmed into the Disciples of Christ Church. Annabel was a graduate of Soldan High School in St. Louis, MO. Annabel was introduced to James Riley Findlay at a party hosted by Curtiss-Wright Corporation in St. Louis, MO, and soon after, their courtship began.

Sept. 8, 1945, Annabel and Jim were married at Lawrenceville, IL, where Jim was stationed during World War II. To this union four children were born. Following Jim's release from the Air Force, the young couple moved to Lincoln Township, and engaged in farming, first, in Lincoln Township and later, on the Findlay family farm in Center Township. This was their home until 1970, when the family moved to the Harrison, AR area for one year. They returned to Harlan where Jim was employed as an insurance agent. Annabel was employed for many years as a bookkeeper for Variety Distributors of Harlan. She was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan. She served as an active member of the Harlan United Christian Women and Priscillas. March 15, 2002, Annabel died at her home in Harlan, at age 81 years, one month and eight days.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Jim, Jan. 2, 1997. She is survived by her children, Kimberly (Marc) Roecker of Lebanon, MO; Alan Findlay (Alison) of Duluth, GA; Gregory Findlay (Monica) of Wichita Falls, TX and Tom Findlay (Susan) of Harlan; three grandchildren, Mallory and Caitlin Findlay and Nicholas Roecker, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 20, 2002, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with The Rev. John Rozendaal officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Ron Mosher, Jack Carmichael, Roy Baron, Wendell Lytle, Dale Findlay and Leonard Fiscus honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Marc Roecker, Glenn Zimmerman, Nick Roecker, Larry Wunder, Eddie Roos and Bob Mortensen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

