

Betty Higgins Havick, 82

June 21, 1915 - Sept. 28, 1997

HARLAN - Elizabeth Frances Higgins Havick, daughter of Robert "Ted" and Marion (Clermons) Bland, was born June 21, 1915, at Independence. She was a graduate of Independence High School and a graduate of the University of Iowa where she received her education to become a registered dietitian. She interned in Cincinnati, OH.

June 11, 1938, she married Lyle Robert Higgins in the Little Brown Church in Nashua. To this union two children were born. They made their home in Harlan, where Lyle was associated with the law firm of Miller, Hines and Higgins. Lyle was active in many community activities including serving as president of the Iowa State Fair Board. After his death Nov. 1, 1966, she continued to make her home in Harlan.

She married Glen Havick Jan. 4, 1971, with the ceremony taking place at her home in Harlan. A marriage that ended Dec. 8, 1971 with his death. Her activities in Harlan included her membership at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan and her employment at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital where she worked as a registered dietitian. She also served as the registered dietitian for the Baptist Memorial Home, the Friendship Home in Audubon and Little Flower Haven in Earling. She became a resident of Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Avoca in 1992, transferring to the Baptist Memorial Home May 1, 1997. It was there that she died Sept. 28, 1997, at age 82 years, three months and seven days.

In addition to her parents and her husbands, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jack Bland, and her sister, Barbara Holland. She is survived by her children, Jack Higgins (Mary Lou) of Lincoln, NE and Jill (Garry) Stephens of Carson; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; three step grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 1997, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with Rev. C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dwain Boeck, Gordon C. Paulk, Lee Sunderland, Glenn Zimmerman, Clarence McDermott and Frank "Rusty" Wirth casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

