

## Virginia Jillson, 70

*July 16, 1933 - March 22, 2004*

**ELGIN, NE** – Virginia Ruth Jillson, daughter of Lyle D. and Beatrice (Talley) Taylor, was born in Harlan, July 16, 1933. She grew to womanhood at Harlan, and graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1951. She attended the University of Colorado for one year, and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in home economics in 1955. It was at Iowa State where she met her future husband, a student in the college of veterinary science.

Sept. 11, 1955, she was married in the Baptist Church at Harlan, to Dr. Dale B. Jillson, D.V.M. Her husband started his practice in Neligh, NE, and in 1961 moved to their newly constructed home in Elgin, NE, where she reared her family and lived until her death. In midlife Virginia had multiple health problems; M.S. in 1964, and a cerebral stroke in 1973. With the care of her husband, family and others she was able to remain at home where her activities were then centered. Ginny was reared a Baptist, and after moving to Elgin she transferred her membership to the Elgin United Methodist Church in which she was active in the United Methodist Women. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 229, the auxiliaries of the Nebraska and National Veterinary Medical Associations, Avesta Chapter OES, and directed a number of local M.S. fund drives. She also helped with the Girl Scouts and 4-H when her four daughters were growing up. She died March 22, 2004, at Antelope Memorial Hospital, Neligh, NE, at age 70 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one niece, three brothers-in-law, and one sister-in-law. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Dale B. Jillson of Elgin, NE; four daughters and spouses, Kathryn Jillson Cook (Steve) of Strongsville, OH; Kristine (Ray) Boyer of Salina, KS; Elizabeth Jillson-Clark (Roger) of Highlands Ranch, CO; and Mary and fiance, James Heesocker of Omaha; seven grandchildren; one brother, Dwight (Darlene) Taylor of St. Charles, MO; three sisters-in-law, Jerrene (Kenneth) Bennett of Elgin, NE; Lucille Jillson of Lincoln, NE; and Shari Jillson of West Des Moines; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 25, 2004, at the Elgin United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kathy Rice, pastor, and Rev. Ray Avidano officiating. Burial was in the West Cedar Valley Cemetery at Elgin, NE, with grandchildren, Bradley, Danielle and Nicolas Boyer; Andrew and Kirsten Cook; and Devin and My Kaela Clark, casket bearers. Huffman's Funeral Home, Elgin, NE, in charge of arrangements.