

Marian Justice, 92

March 3, 1912 - Feb. 14, 2005

MANILLA — Marian Justice was born in Shelby County, March 3, 1912, to Arthur and Theresa Sykes Drake. She grew up in the Manilla area and graduated from Manilla High School. She attended Drake University and received her teacher's degree around 1931 and began teaching in a one room school house south of Denison.

Marian married Earl M. Justice, also of Manilla, July 5, 1932. They had a farm between Manilla and Denison where they lived most of their married life. Marian appeared on the television show, "This is Your Life" in 1957, running onto the stage as the favorite teacher of Donna Reed, who was a pupil of Marian's in the one room school house. Marian had one son, Earl E. Justice, Jr. and through her prayers and influence Earl entered Minnesota Bible College in 1957, graduated in 1962 and was ordained into the ministry in Denison, in 1963. In 1958, Marian and Earl, Sr. rented out the farm and followed their son, Earl, Jr. to Minnesota Bible College in Minneapolis, MN. Marian became the administrator and cook at the college's dining hall as well as serving as a house parent, along with her husband, to a dormitory full of college boys. The Justices worked at the college for six years. Marian also worked in the Minneapolis school system as a substitute teacher. After six years at the college, Marian and Earl returned to the farm in Iowa. They lived in other locations from time to time, but always returned to the farm as their home. She was baptized at the Christian Church in Irwin. She died Feb. 14, 2005, at the Denison Care Center at age 92.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earl M. Justice, Sr.; son; Earl Jr.; and her sisters, Ruth McKinney, Beulah Olson, Hazel DeWoea, and Evelyn Holdsworth. She is survived by four grandchildren, Rene Chasteen of Phoenix, AZ; Kelly Justice of West Chester, OH; Troy Justice of West Chester, OH; and Joel Justice of Longmont, CO; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2005, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, with Rev. Troy Justice officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery in Manilla. Casket bearers were Rev. Troy Justice, Leonard Cadwell, Terry Pickett, Wayne Justice, Curtis Olson and Frank Hawley. The Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, in charge of arrangements.