

Ruth E. Knapp, 81 ✓

HARLAN - Ruth Eva Booth Knapp, the daughter of David and Ruth (Long) Booth was born at Harlan, Feb. 8, 1907. She was baptized in the Episcopal Church, and attended school in Harlan, graduating in the class of 1925. She then taught country school near Jacksonville.

June 27, 1929, she married Neil Knapp in Harlan. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, she taught school at St. Peter's in Defiance, in Portsmouth and at Lincoln Twp. # 3 School. She retired from teaching at the age of 62. After the death of Neil in March of 1972, she resided in Jackson, MS until Jan. of 1986, when she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. It was there that she died on March 6, 1988 at age 81 years and 27 days. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge, No. 286, and had been a member of the Lebanon Chapter No. 8, Order of Eastern Star for over 50 years, all of Harlan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Lolren, John "Jack", Kemper, and Bud; and three sisters, Imogene, Charlotte, and Joy. She is survived by one son, David of Cedar Falls; three daughters, Julia Ann (Richard) Lyons of Co. Bluffs, Mary Lou Howell, Irving, TX; and Susan (Al) Eltiste of Jackson, MS; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jamie Booth of Grove, OK; two sisters, Helen Gabernowitz of Lodi, CA; and Denisse Lenci of Stockton, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 8, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, with Fr. Glenn Rankin of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Neil Lyons, Rich Lyons, Bret Eltiste, Peter Howell, Larry Pauley, and Peter Howell serving as casket bearers.