

Vonda Kemmish, 89



Sept. 15, 1915 - July 4, 2005

PERSIA — Vonda L. Kemmish, was born in Pottawattamie County Sept. 15, 1915, to Oliver and Fronia (Wills) Nixon. In 1927, her parents moved to a farm near Persia. She graduated from the Persia High School in 1932. After graduation she attended Logan High School and got her normal training certificate. She taught country school in Harrison County for several years. In 1970, she received her degree in elementary education from Dana College. She taught third grade in Persia for 16 years.

In 1935, Vonda married Duane Kemmish, and they moved to a farm west of Persia. In 1978, they retired and moved to Persia. she was a member of the United Methodist Church in Persia. She died July 4, 2005, at the Westmont Care Center in Logan, at age 89.

Vonda was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gary; sister, Arlean Hawes; and brother, Glen. Survivors include her husband, Duane of Persia; son, Ken (Char Les) of Crescent; daughter-in-law, Geneva Kemmish of Council Bluffs; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and other relatives

Funeral services were held July 7, 2005, at the United Methodist Church in Persia, with Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Casket bearers were Jeff Schrage, Gerald Kemmish, Montana Kemmish, Laura Kemmish, Bryan Kemmish, and Spencer Kemmish. Honorary bearers were Nancy Schrage, Amanda Kemmish and Penny Kemmish. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia.