

**Lillian Kinkennon, 88****March 20, 1926 - Sept. 27, 2014**

**HARLAN** — Lillian May (Jensen) Kinkennon was born March 20, 1926, at Kansas City, MO. Her parents were Carl and Mary (Erickson) Jensen of Lorimor. The family lived on a farm there until 1931 when they moved to a farm south of Kirkman. Lillian attended Kirkman Consolidated School through the eighth grade. After her father's death, she and her mother moved to Harlan and she graduated from Harlan High School in 1943. They moved to Omaha that summer where Lillian attended the Commercial Extension and worked as a clerk until 1948.



April 9, 1945, Lillian married Lester Kinkennon of the U.S. Navy. To this union three children, John, Jim, and Mary, were born. Lillian, her mother, and the children returned to the Kirkman farm in 1951. In 1963, the family moved to Harlan where Lillian was employed at the Department of Human Services. She was active with the hospital auxiliary and the Shelby County Historical Society. Lillian professed her faith as a child at Bethel Baptist Church where she was a member for many years. More recently she was a member of New Testament Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church. Lillian loved books from the time she discovered them. She also enjoyed music and stamp collecting, but her primary focus was her faith, family, and friends. Lillian passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan at 88 years of age.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Mary Jensen. She is survived by her children, John Kinkennon and his wife Ruby of Vancouver, WA, James Kinkennon and his wife Rita of Omaha, NE, Mary and her husband William Sager of Reinbeck; four grandchildren: Tamara and her husband Michael Johnson of Kalispell, MT, Julie and her husband Andrew Johnson of Lincoln, NE, Christopher Chapman of Waterloo, and David Kinkennon and Tiffany LaSalle of Eugene, OR; five great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

Pastor Joe Earle officiated the 2:00 p.m. funeral service on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Music was provided by Janell and Robert Wulschleger. Honorary casket bearers were David Kinkennon, Michael Johnson, Stan Christensen, Don Norgaard, and Larry McDermott. Serving as casket bearers were Chris Chapman, Andrew Johnson, John North, Andrew North, Robert Wulschleger, and Elliott Svendsen. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery.

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