

Florence Kinney, 87

Nov. 7, 1918 - Oct. 19, 2006

HARLAN — Florence Lenore Hill was born in Polk County, Nov. 7, 1918, daughter of G.H. and Jesse Tufts Hill. She grew up on a farm near Farrar, where she graduated from high school in 1936. In high school Florence was an outstanding student and athlete.

Florence married Homer William Kinney April 7, 1940, at the Methodist Church in Farrar, and they raised three children, Eleanor, Edwin and Carl. Having purchased Homer's family farm, they continued farming until Homer's retirement. During Homer's 20 years as a Pioneer Seed Corn salesman, Florence was Homer's secretary, handling the bookwork. As with the farming, they were partners. Both Homer and Florence were faithful church members and held many positions in the church. She was PTA secretary and president at the time that plans were being made for Farrar and Bondurant to consolidate. Following retirement, they lived in Altoona and most recently at Elm Crest Retirement community in Harlan. She died Oct. 19, 2006, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 87.

Florence was preceded in death by Homer Kinney, her husband of 65 years, her parents, and three sisters and one brother. She is survived by their three children, Eleanor (Ed) Gambs of Logan; Edwin Kinney (Velda) of Altoona; and Carl Kinney (Dania) of Scottsdale, AZ; six grandchildren, Marc (Tammy) Kinney of Altoona; Laurel (Don) Klitgaard of Harlan; Bethany Kinney (Scott Griswold) of Bondurant; De Ann (Richard) Rush of Altoona; Nick (Renae) Gambs of Dunlap; and Barbara Gambs of Los Angeles, CA; six great grandchildren, Ellen and Jack Klitgaard, Nicholas and Claire Gambs and Payton and Wyatt Rush.

Funeral services were held Oct. 23, 2006, at Bondurant Federated Church with burial at Bondurant Cemetery. Hamilton's Altoona Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

