

Kathleen Kleinpaste, 80 ✓

June 10, 1925 - March 13, 2006

HARLAN — Kathleen was born June 10, 1925, on her grandparents' farm in Cuppy's Grove, daughter of Neil Berg and Nellie (Nelson) Berg, and the sister of Marlin (Bud), John and Robert. Her family moved to Clarks Grove, MN, shortly after she was born and her father became pastor of the Clarks Grove Baptist Church. She was an honor student at Albert Lea High School



Kathleen married Harold Kleinpaste Aug. 5, 1942. Their marriage thrived for 63 years and together, they raised four children, participated in community and church activities and traveled extensively throughout the world. She first began working outside the home in 1960 for attorney Gerald Larson and for the local Savings and Loan. When the family moved to Minneapolis, MN in 1964, she continued working and became the administrative assistant to the principal at North Junior High School. She later went on to become a highly successful real estate agent in the Minneapolis area. When Kathleen and Harold retired, they spent winters at their property in Green Valley, AZ and the remainder of the year in Green Lake, WI. During her time in Green Lake, she conducted tours of the area for the Green Lake Conference Center and in 2002 authored and published a historic book about the area. The book, *Just Do It Jessie's Way*, was a success and she went on to speak at many community events. Kathleen's ability to play the piano by ear resulted in many years of personal enjoyment and professional success. In 2003, Kathleen and Harold purchased an apartment at the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. She had come full circle and returned to the area where she was born. She died at her home March 13, 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer at age 80.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and daughter-in-law, Nancy (Stofferson) Kleinpaste. She is survived by her husband, Harold Kleinpaste of Harlan; sons, Dan Kleinpaste (Pat) of Harlan; Bob Kleinpaste (Sandy) of Baltimore, MD; daughters, Paula McDougall (Bill Rutstein) of Deephaven, MN; Lisa Rowan (Pete) of St. Paul, MN; nine grandchildren, Lindsey McDougall (Bob Orr), Julie Rowan (Max), Dana Kleinpaste, Michael McDougall, Angie Rowan, Jessie Rowan, Deb Huber (Troy), Deanna Stone (Rob), Dawn Paben (Justin); and great grandchildren, Madalynn Stone and Malia Paben.

A memorial service was held March 18, 2006, at Elm Crest Community Chapel. A subsequent service and final burial will be held in Clarks Grove, MN, later this spring. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.