

Elizabeth Lorene Laughlin, 86

Feb. 20, 1910 - April 10, 1996

HARLAN - Elizabeth Lorene Laughlin, daughter of John Walter and Elizabeth Jane (Nantz) McCormack, was born Feb. 20, 1910 in Pleasanton, KS. She graduated from Pleasanton High School in 1927.

Jan. 24, 1930 in Erie, KS she married Reese Edward Laughlin. The couple lived in Kansas, California and Nebraska before moving to Harlan in 1949. They celebrated 60 years of marriage in 1990, just weeks before his death March 10, 1990. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan where she was active in Circle. She was also a member of the Harlan Literary Club and was a life-long member of Eastern Star. For many years in the 1950's she worked with the Girl Scouts. She died April 10, 1996 at Heritage House in Atlantic at age 86 years, one month and 21 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Reese; four brothers and two sisters. Survivors include two daughters, Jane (Donald) Deter of Atlantic and Jeanette (Kenneth) Kinsey of Iowa City; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 13, 1996 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Casket bearers were Rod Deter, Scott Deter, Donald Deter, Kenneth Kinsey, Kristofer Kinsey and Christopher Hawley. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.