

Mary Leslie, 97

June 18, 1917 - Sept. 22, 2014

AVOCA — Mary Leona Leslie was born on June 18, 1917 to George and Venie (Hack) Isaac in Corley. She graduated from Avoca High School with the Class of 1935 and received her normal school certificate. She taught school for four years.

January 28, 1939, Mary was united in marriage to Orin Leslie in Dunlap. They became parents to three children: Peggy, Janet, and Mike. Mary enjoyed being a homemaker and raising her family. She received her substitute teacher certificate in 1952. She was a long-time and faithful member of the United Church of



Avoca, serving in different roles throughout the years. Mary was able to remain in her own home until December of 2013 when she moved to the Avoca Lodge Care Center. She died on Monday, September 22, 2014, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of ninety-seven years, three months, and four days.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Venie and George; her husband Orin; sisters Laru Higman and Anita Brindley; and brother Perry Isaac. She is survived by her children: Peggy and her husband Merlin Hale of Council Bluffs, Janet and her husband Richard Silvernail of Omaha, NE, and C. Mike Leslie and his wife Diane of Shelby; eleven grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; other family members and friends.

The 1:30 p.m. funeral service was officiated by Wayne Paulsen at the United Church of Avoca on Friday, September 26, 2014. Honorary casket bearers were Raymond Nielsen, Dr. Kevin Happe, Ted Heilig, and Todd Purdy. Serving as casket bearers were Steven Hale, Daniel Holdsworth, Tim Leslie, Michael Leslie, Matthew Leslie, Mark Leslie, Robert Jasminski, Judd Gross, and Jason Hulsebus. Burial was held at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

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