

Dorothy Linden, 70

March 5, 1934 - Nov. 30, 2004

ELK HORN — Dorothy Jean Linden, the daughter of Howard Peter and Myrtle Marie Knudsen Thomson, was born March 5, 1934, on a farm in Cuppy's Grove, Shelby County. She attended country school and was a member of the graduating class of 1951 from Harlan Community High School. Upon graduation from high school, she was employed at Farmers in Harlan and later was a secretary in the Walnut School System.

April 16, 1954, Dorothy married Dewey Linden at the Calvary Baptist Church in Walnut. To this union, four children were born: Gale, Byron, Jody and Janet. After their marriage, Dewey attended the University of Iowa and Dorothy worked at the Handicapped School for Children in Iowa City. After Dewey graduated from college, they moved to Marion, where she was a homemaker. They later moved to Elk Horn where Dorothy excelled as a wife, mother and grandmother. After Dewey retired from teaching, Dorothy developed Linden Mailing Enterprise. Dorothy died Nov. 30, 2004, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs at age 70 years, eight months, and 25 days.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her brothers, Bruce and Clyde Thomson. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Dewey of Elk Horn; her children, Gale Linden (Alice) of Kimballton; Byron Linden (Janet) of Merville; Jody (Dave) Jones of Edgerton, KS; Janet (Phil) Graves of White Sands Missile Range, NM; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Carolyn Thomson of Lawrence, KS; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4, 2004, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Walnut, with Rev. Paul Hutchins officiating. Burial was in Cuppy's Grove Cemetery in rural Harlan with Robert Dierking, Paul Riley, Horace Graves, Ron Hamilton, Mike Martin, Jerry Hansen, Ralph Hansen and Harold Lansman honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jacob Graves, Matthew Jones, Brian Harlow, Alan Linden, Mark Linden, Steve Linden, and Todd Linden. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan in charge of arrangements.

