



## Joanne Ouren, 66

June 21, 1928 - April 17, 1995

**Harlan** - Nancy Joanne Ouren, daughter of Harlan and Norma (Reyelt) Ruby was born on June 21, 1928 in Des Moines. After the death of her father in 1931, she moved with her mother to Harlan. She was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopalian Church and graduated from Harlan Community High School. She then attended Drake University in Des Moines from 1946 to 1948 and in 1950 graduated from the University of Iowa in Iowa City with a BA degree in education where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Lamda Theta (Educational Scholastic Fraternity). She then taught in the Des Moines Public Schools from 1950 to 1951.

June 30, 1951 she married Bruce Ouren at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan where she taught school in the Harlan Community Schools for over 15 years retiring in 1977. After the death of her husband June 9, 1978 she continued to make her home in Harlan. She died April 17, 1995 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 66 years, nine

months and 27 days. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan, the PEO Sisterhood, the Alpha Delphian Society and the Shelby County Historical Society. She had served on the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Board for two terms, served as the secretary and treasurer on the Board of the Hospital Auxiliary, served on the scholarship committee, the gift shop committee, was chairman of the City Board of Adjustment and was active in Girl Scouts serving as Neighborhood and District Chairman and was a member and secretary of the Nishnabotna Girl Scout Council Board of Southwest Iowa. She had served as treasurer of the Shelby County ARC, the Advisory Board of Prairie Rose Mental Health Center from 1991 to 1994, and received the Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" Award in 1983. In 1991 she served on the City Planning and Zoning and was a member of the Prairie Rose Mental Health Board in 1994 as well as being a board member of the Harlan Golf and Country Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Surviving are her children, Thomas (Joan) Ouren of Harlan; Pamela (Richard) Barlet of Carthage, MO; Gregory (Scarlett) Ouren of Yukon, OK; and Elizabeth (David) Bruner of Kalamazoo, MI; 12 grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 20, 1995 at Pauley Funeral Home with Father Glenn Rankin of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Bob Ross, H.W. "Bud" Ouren, Gaige Walters, Lee Sunderland, Grant McMartin, H. Rand Petersen, Dr. Joseph Spearing and Don "Si" Mathiasen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were: Thomas Ouren, Andrew Heese, James Friend, Gregory Ouren, Richard Barlet and David Bruner.