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Florence Annette Poynter, 90

Sept. 17, 1910 – Dec. 10, 2000

HARLAN – Florence Annette Poynter, daughter of Julius C. and Meta E. (Albers) Meier, was born Sept. 17, 1910, in Corley. She attended the Corley School until her family moved to Harlan, where she entered Harlan schools, and graduated from Harlan High School in 1928. Her education continued when she attended Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa) in Cedar Falls, and later the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA. Beginning a 44-year career in teaching, she taught for four years in Cambridge.

July 9, 1957, she married Wallace Woods Poynter in Lincoln, NE. The couple lived in Harlan where she taught in the Harlan Schools until her 1975 retirement. Wallace died April 11, 1981, in Omaha, NE. Florence remained in her home until 1998, when she became a resident of Little Flower Haven Nursing Home. She was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, for more than 70 years. She was also a member of the Priscilla organization in the church, and was a second-generation member of the Friday Club. She died Dec. 10, 2000, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 90 years, two months and 23 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Wallace; and one sister, Leona Gau. Survivors include one stepson, Nedric (Mary Ellen) Poynter of Ripley, TN; two step grandchildren and two step great grandchildren, all of Tennessee; nieces and nephews on the Gau and Monson sides and other relatives.

A service celebrating Florence's life was held Dec. 13, 2000, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with Dr. David Erickson officiating. Casket bearers were Verle Doonan, Cyrus Monson, Eugene Monson, Glenn Zimmerman, Clarence McDermott and Allen Burchett. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.