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Grace Skinner, 94

MAGNOLIA – Grace Helen Skinner, daughter of John David and Mary Amelia Fischer Lenz, was born Nov. 21, 1894, at Dos Palos, CA. She died at Westmont Care Center in Logan, Feb. 19, 1989, at age 94 years, 2 months and 28 days.

In Nov. of 1896 she came by train to Iowa with her parents and grew to adulthood on a farm in Harrison County. She attended Magnolia School and Woodbine Normal School where she graduated in 1913. She attended Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She taught school at Kilgore, NE and Jefferson. In 1918 she married Almor Ray Skinner in Magnolia. After their marriage, they made their home on a farm in the Logan-Magnolia area. Three children were born to this union. After the children were grown, she returned to teaching.

In 1951 she and her husband moved to a farm near Chillicothe, MO. She continued to teach for a number of years. They later resided near Breckenridge, MO and later moved to a farm near Hale, MO. After the death of her husband in 1971 she moved to Harlan, where she lived until she entered Rose Vista Home in Woodbine in Sept. of 1986. In July 1988 she entered Westmont Care Center in Logan where she resided until her death.

She was baptized in and a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She became a member of P.E.O. in Hale, MO in 1969.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Almor; a son, Dale in 1943; a brother, Reuben Lenz; and three sisters, Saral and Hatie who died in childhood and Alice. Survivors include one sister, Leila Lenz of Westmont Care Center; one daughter, Donnabelle (Mrs Edward John of Harlan; one son, Dwight Skinner of St. Joseph, MO; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; nine step-great grandchildren; and three step-great, great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22, 1989 at Schumacher Funeral Home in Logan with Pastor George Gibson of First United Methodist Church of Harlan officiating. Burial was in Magnolia cemetery, with casket bearers John Brandriff, Robert House, Harold John, Oscar Johnson, Dennis Skinner and Michael Skinner. Honorary bearers were George Skinner and Joe Trexel.