

Arlene Starner, 88

Jan. 8, 1910 - Jan. 18, 1998

SHELBY - Arlene Faye Starner was born near Oakland, Jan. 8, 1910. She was the daughter of Lee and Myrtle Andress Killion and was one of nine children in the family. The family moved to a farm near Avoca and she attended school in Avoca and graduated in 1927.

She married Herbert Von Eschen June 19, 1933. They made their home in the Shelby area. They were the parents of two children, Delmar and Gretchen. Herbert was killed in a farming accident July 25, 1952. Arlene went back to school to get her teaching certificate. She taught in Avoca, Co. Bluffs and finally Shelby. She received her BS degree from Omaha University in 1968. She retired from teaching in 1975. She continued teaching on a substitute basis and taught for a total of 27 years.

She married Everette Starner April 2, 1983. Everette died March 8, 1993. She was a member of the Shelby United Presbyterian Church, the Delta Cappa Gamma teachers sorority, the Co. Bluffs Chapter of DAR, the Garden Club and the Federated Women's Club. She died at the home of her son and daughter-in-law Jan. 18, 1998, at age 88 years and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Herbert and Everette; one brother, Elbert Killion, and a sister in infancy. She is survived by her children, Delmar Von Eschen (Carol) of Shelby and Gretchen (Franklin) Perry of Harlan; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Grace Eberling of Independence, MO and Lois Stelpflug of Ankeny; seven step grandchildren; numerous step great grandchildren; four sisters, Verla Jackson of Newton; Marjorie Lowery, Foley, AL; Lois Steadham and Dorothy Younce, both of Mobile, AL; two brothers, Robert Killion of Montgomery, AL and Wayne Killion of Birmingham, AL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 1998, at the United Presbyterian Church, Shelby, with Dr. William Beatty officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Dennis Williams, Rodney Robinson, Tom Rihner, Richard Mattox, Fred Klahn and Roger Heilig. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.