

Lyla Thompson, 74 ✓

Nov. 13, 1930 - April 8, 2005

IRWIN — Lyla Marie Thompson, the daughter of Carl Fredrick and Leona Marie (Andreasen) Wiese, was born Nov. 13, 1930, in rural Irwin. She was raised in Irwin, and graduated from Irwin High School in 1948.

After attending college for a year, Lyla married Allan Ray Thompson June 25, 1950, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin. The couple farmed southeast of Irwin until 1972, when they left the farm and moved into Irwin. During the early 1950's, Lyla taught country school near Irwin. She then worked at the Irwin Locker for 23 years and the Shelby County Monument Company in Harlan, for more than 10 years. Lyla was an active member of the Irwin United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She was a very patriotic lady who sold American flags and promoted Avenues of Flags in area cemeteries. Lyla was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Jefferson Community Club, the Irwin Library Board and Club, the Polk Improvement Club, and the Shelby County Cancer Board. Recently, Lyla was honored as Farmer Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company's "Home Town Hero - 2004. She died April 8, 2005, at Myrtle Memorial Hospital at age 74 years, 4 months, and 26 days.

Preceding Lyla in death were her father; one brother, Allan Wiese; and one grandson, Joseph Goans. Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Allan Thompson of Irwin; her mother, Leona Wiese of Manilla; two daughters, Kathleen Goans of Kirkman, and Lanette (Torn) Sawyer of Idaho Springs, CO; two sons, Craig (Dianna) Thompson and Danny Thompson, both of Irwin; one sister, Ladelle (Orlando) Hanson of Manilla; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 11, 2005, at the Irwin United Methodist Church with Rev. Keith Pals officiating. Casket bearers were Chad Ripley, Jason Goans, Roger Wiese, Lance Hanson, Tim Thompson, and Justin Ahrenholtz. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

