

Darlene Norgaard Vinton, 76

HARLAN - Darlene Davis Norgaard Vinton, daughter of Earl A. and Mazie C. (Pentony) Davis, was born Oct. 12, 1913 at Glenwood. She died Jan. 18, 1990 at Blair, NE., at age 76 years, 3 months and 6 days. She attended grade school in Glenwood and in 1927 moved with her parents to Harlan, where she graduated from Harlan High School in 1931. She then went on to attend Jennie Edmurdson School of Nursing.

On Sept. 11, 1934, she married Elmer J. Norgaard at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Two children were born to this union. After they were married, they made their home in Harlan, where Mr Norgaard was a pharmacist and owner of Norgaard Drug for 46 years. On April 5, 1981, Mr Norgaard died. She then continued to live in Harlan until Jan. 27, 1984, when she married Gordon Vinton at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. The Vintons then made their home at Blanche Lake, MN., during the summer and Lake Havasu City, AZ., during the winter. In 1988, they moved to Blair, NE., and this has been their home since that time.

She was an active member of the Harlan Civic and Business Community. Her leadership was exemplified through her fund raising activities for Immanuel Lutheran Church, Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Nishna Valley Council of the Girl Scouts, and the Harlan United Fund. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and was active as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent. Other activities included being a member of the Harlan Recreation Committee, Harlan Literary Club, and was a 50 year member of Lebanon Chapter No. 8 Order of Eastern Star.

She has also held several offices. They include County President of Federated Women, State President of the Iowa Pharmacy Association Auxiliary and was District Chairman and a member of the State Board of the Iowa Women's Golf Association. She was also an active golfer having won the Harlan Golf and Country Clubs Womens Championship 12 times.



She was a Merit Mother and in 1972, she was named Shelby County Mother of the Year. Following this, she was appointed State Chairman of the "Young Mothers Counselling Service."

In addition to her parents and her husband Elmer, she was preceded in death by one sister, Norene Paulk and two brothers, Leslie and Norville Davis. She is survived by her husband, Gordon of Blair, NE.; one daughter, Norene (Mrs Earl) McCaustland of Monticello; and one son, John Norgaard and his wife Sally of Carroll; two step-daughters, Barbara (Mrs Russ) Randall of Robinson, IL.; Susan (Mrs Don) Stadola of Lawrenceville, IL.; one step-son, Richard Vinton and his wife Merri, also of Blair, NE.; five grandchildren; Lori (Mrs Dean) Onken and Jay Norgaard and his wife Sue and Kristen (Mrs Chris) Wilbricht, and Douglas and Matthew McCaustland; six step-grandchildren, Chris and Becky Vinton, Kent and Elizabeth Randall and Amy and Brandy Stodola and three great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 22, 1990 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Otto A. Zwanziger, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Dick Vinton, Dean Onken, Jay Norgaard, Douglas McCaustland, Christopher Wilbricht and Matthew McCaustland serving as casket-bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.