

C. "Evalyn" Wigness, 85

Nov. 5, 1911 - Oct. 7, 1997

OMAHA - Clyde Evalyn Wigness, daughter of Ernest Clyde and Emma (Steen) Roper, was born Nov. 5, 1911, in Kirkman. She was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church in Harlan. She attended elementary school in Lane, SD, and graduated from Harlan High School. She studied to become a registered nurse at Bishop-Clarkson Hospital in Omaha.

Sept. 1, 1934, she married Rudy H. Wigness at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Parsonage in Harlan. Evalyn worked as a nurse at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, and later in the practice of Drs. Markham and Donlin in Harlan. Rudy died Sept. 22, 1962 in Harlan. In 1968, Evalyn moved to Omaha, and worked at Clarkson Hospital, retiring in 1976. Evalyn was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan from 1951-1989. She was also a 50-year member of the Eastern Star, and was a past Rainbow board member. She actively volunteered with the American Heart Association and Red Cross Organizations. C. Evalyn Wigness died Oct. 7, 1997, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 85 years, 11 months and two days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Rudy H. Wigness, and one sister, Ruth Roper Billitier. Survivors include one son, Robert (Ruby) Wigness of Burlington, VT; one daughter, Mary Wigness of Omaha; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9, 1997, at the Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan, with Pastor Henry Flessner officiating. Casket bearers were Carroll Rehder, Kristin Wigness, Jerald Wigness, Gordon Wigness, Katherine Wigness, Richard Burmeister and Karola Wigness Martin. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.