

Donna B. Williams, 71

March 1, 1928 - Jan. 12, 2000

HARLAN - Donna Belle Williams was born March 1, 1928, to Dorothy (Kroger) and William Joens in Manning. She was a member of the 1946 graduating class of Manning High School. Following graduation, she attended Iowa Beauty School in Des Moines, where she later served as an instructor.

Aug. 25, 1952, she married Ted Williams in Highland Park, IL. Following their wedding, the couple resided in Des Moines, where she was employed at Addressograph Multigraph. The couple then made their home in Harlan, where she first worked for Sta-Bilt Construction Company and later for Monahan Loan Company. In 1961, she was appointed Shelby County Deputy Recorder serving for nine years. In 1970, she was elected Shelby County Recorder where she served for 17 years. She was the first publicly elected woman official in Shelby County. She retired in 1986. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Donna died Jan. 12, 2000, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 71 years, 10 months and 11 days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Elnora and Inez. Survivors include her husband, Ted Williams of Harlan; sisters, Viola (Barney) Stangl of Knoxville and Naomi (Harold) Spittler of East Moline, IL; nieces and nephews and other relatives.



Funeral services were held Jan. 15, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Knoxville Cemetery. Casket bearers were Chuck Branstetter, Randy Nowatzke, Jerry Lytle, Bill Johnson, Bernie Heller and Verne Elliott.