

Laura Ruffcorn, 93

Laura Ruffcorn was born in Shelby county near Defiance, on Oct. 22, 1886. She attended school in Defiance and in 1903, graduated from Defiance high school. She took Normal Training in Harlan, and then taught in the rural school near Defiance.

In 1906, she was united in marriage to William E. Ruffcorn. Two children were born to this union. They lived on the Ruffcorn farm following their marriage. They then moved to the Byers farm east of Defiance. From there, the Ruffcorns moved to Oakland where they farmed east of town. In 1920, they bought a farm at Arthur, No. Dak., where they lived for 26 years. In 1945, they moved to Collins, where they lived until 1953 when they moved to Harlan. After Mr Ruffcorn's death in Jan. of 1964, Mrs Ruffcorn continued to live in their home on Baldwin St. until 1970. At that time, she went to Lee's Summit where her daughter lived. She had an apartment there until Dec. of 1973. Since that time, she has been in a nursing home near Lee's Summit.

Mrs Ruffcorn died at the Camden Health Center, Harrisonville, Mo., on June 28, 1980, at the age of 93 years, 8 months and six days.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Lewis. Survivors include one daughter, Vera (Mrs Oliver) Asp of Lee's Summit, Mo.; twin grandchildren - Carmen Rinehart and Mary Asp; and three great-grandchildren - Philip, Kristin, and Stephen; by one brother, Robert Scott of Harlan; one sister, Jennie Nordby of Willmar, Minn.; one sister-in-law, Ethel Scott of Missouri Valley; two brothers-in-law, Rev. Walter Scheuermann of Culdesac, Id.; and Olen Ruffcorn of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, Tuesday, July 1, 1980, with the Rev. Mark Asp officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan, with Keith Bauer, Deane Buckley, Lester Meyers, Arthur Rinehart, Clifford Justice and Howard W. Pedersen serving as pallbearers.