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Mary Louise Booth, 82

July 22, 1916 - Dec. 20, 1998

HARLAN - Mary Louise Booth, daughter of Ernest and Ethel (Brubaker) Harrison, was born July 22, 1916 in Oakland. She attended school at Oakland and graduated in 1933. Upon graduation, she attended the University of Iowa for two years, there affiliating with Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority. She then attended Chicago musical college for two years, studying piano under the famous teacher, Rudolph Ganz. She then returned to Oakland and taught piano. She has been active in southwest Iowa music circles for a number of years.

Mary Lou married Robert Charles Booth Oct. 18, 1941, in the home of the brother and sister of the couple in Westfield, NJ; four children were born to this union, Linda, Nate, Robert, and Randall. She was a member of PEO, Pricillas, Delphians, and card groups. She was also the organist at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan for 31 years. She retired from this position near her 80th birthday. She died Dec. 20, 1998 at the Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha at age 82 years, 4 months and 29 days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, Jan. 27, 1998. Survivors include her children, Linda (Gailyn) Larsen of York, PA; Nate Booth (Dawn) of Encinitas, CA; Robert Booth (Connie) of Boone; Randall Booth (Mary Lea) of Westphalia; 11 grandchildren; her sister, Helen Booth of Boulder, CO; her brother, John Harrison of Iowa City; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 26, 1998 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan with Pastor Linda D. Boggs officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Nate P. Booth, John Booth, Randy Booth, Gailyn Larsen, Nate Booth and Jeffrey Larsen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

