

Ruth A. Earles, 79

March 21, 1921 - Jan. 1, 2001

OSAGE - Ruth A. Earles was born March 21, 1921, in Kanawha, the daughter of George and Anna (Albright) Riekens.

She married Hurshel L. Earles Aug. 22, 1937, at Kanawha. The couple farmed near Crystal Lake, near Cresco, and at Little Cedar before moving to Osage in 1967. Ruth was a former Cub Scout Den Mother, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She died Jan. 1, 2001, at Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage of natural causes at age 79.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Henry Riekens; and a son, Richard Earles; a daughter, Marjorie Earles; and a granddaughter, Cheri Earles. She is survived by her husband, Hurshel L. Earles, Osage; three daughters, Betty Jean Norrie, Rochester, MN; Susan Campbell (John) of Harlan; Linda Dawson (Paul), Newton; three sons, Jerry Earles (Mary Ellen), Independence; Keith Earles (Carol), Traer; Steven Earles, Mason City; one daughter-in-law, Clarice Earles, Rochester, MN; 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; one brother, George Riekens, Sr. (Edna), Forest City; two sisters, Dorothy Hoppe (Art), Winnebago, MN and Ethel Keller (Gene) Britt.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Osage, with the Rev. Karen Nichols Dungan and Rev. Robert Barrick officiating. Burial was in the Little Cedar Cemetery, Little Cedar. Champion-Bucheit Funeral Home, Osage, in charge of arrangements.