

Ferne L. Gibson, 91

Sept. 11, 1906 - April 11, 1998

HARLAN - Ferne Louise Gibson, daughter of Perry and Hulda Britton, was born Sept. 11, 1906, in Sioux City. She attended school at Sioux City.

April 20, 1927, she married Harold Orr Gibson "Hoot", at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sioux City. Two children were born to this union, Harold and Phyllis. After their marriage, they lived in many different places in the midwest while "Hoot" worked as a livestock buyer. In 1963, they moved to Harlan. She was active in the community, belonging to a number of bridge clubs. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan. After her husband's death Feb. 13, 1978, she continued to live at their home in Harlan until she became a resident of the Elm Crest Apartments and in 1997, she became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. She died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital April 11, 1998, at age 91 years and seven months.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Hoot, she was preceded in death by her sister, Delores Murphey. Survivors include her children, Phyllis (James) Erickson of Champagne, IL and Harold Gibson (Irene) of Columbia Heights, MN; nine grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 15, 1998, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan, with Father Glenn Rankin officiating and Deacon Carol Tookey assisting. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Max Bacon, Harold Gibson, Jr., Tom Ouren, Randy Ouren, James Erickson and Pat Byrnes casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.