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Ruth Lucille Kimball, 101

Oct. 13, 1897 - Jan. 8, 1999

KIRKMAN - Ruth Lucille Kimball, daughter of John "Jack" Christian and Addie (Hall) Wooster, was born Oct. 13, 1897 on a farm five miles east and one-half mile north of Irwin. She attended grade school in Kirkman and Orange, CA. She attended high school in Mounty Ayr, and Harlan and graduated from Kirkman High School in 1918. She then studied at the Art Institute in Chicago for two years.

August 5, 1920 she married John S. Kimball. After farming near Irwin and Kirkman for 44 years, the couple retired to Kirkman due to John's health. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and was active in her congregation, the Kirkman United Methodist Church. She was interested in mission work. Even in her later years, she held a weekly Bible reading class in her home. She died Jan. 8, 1999 at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 101 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, John, in 1964; one brother, Kenneth Dee Wooster, in 1927; and one half-brother, Leo Thompson, in 1978. Survivors include one son, Randal Kimball of New Castle, CO; one grandson, John (Jane) Kimball of Pequot Lakes, MN; one step-grandson, Alan (Shari) Petersen of Irwin; one niece, Jacqueline Wooster Rivenberg of Fountain Hills, AZ; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 12, 1999 at the Kirkman United Methodist Church with Rev. Joseph Boysen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Ellsworth Shannon and Marvin Rasmussen. Casket bearers were Karl Hanson, Terry Fiscus, Steve Barratt, Jim Baughman, Richard Petersen and Russ Baughman. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

