

## **Bonnie Kilpatrick Kretzinger, 94**

*Nov. 16, 1906 – Feb. 27, 2001*

**COON RAPIDS** – Bonnie, daughter of William Francis and Lulu Morgan Kilpatrick, was born Nov. 16, 1906, in Center Township, Shelby County. She grew up and attended school in Harlan, graduating from Harlan High School. Bonnie then graduated from Grinnell College with degrees in history, Latin and English. After completing her education, Bonnie taught high school at Fontanelle, Stuart and Peterson.

Aug. 11, 1933, she married Orton Andrew Kretzinger in Harlan. Two sons were born to this union. The couple made their home in Coon Rapids, where she devoted her time to her family as a homemaker. In 1993, the couple moved into Thomas Rest Haven in Coon Rapids. Orton died April 9, 1997. Bonnie was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, Federated Women's Club, Rural Garden Club, Priscilla Alden Chapter DAR, PEO, and was a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Feb. 27, 2001, she died at Thomas Rest Haven in Coon Rapids, at age 94 years, three months and 11 days.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Bruce Kilpatrick. She is survived by two sons, Karl Kretzinger (Cordy) of Ahwahnee, CA and Andy Kretzinger (Kathy) of Montrose, CO; eight grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 3, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Coon Rapids, with Pastor Gary Van Wert officiating. Burial was in the Coon Rapids Cemetery. Casket bearers were Curtis Kretzinger, Robert Kretzinger, Katharine Wandler, Erich Kretzinger, Alice Feldman, Joy Griebenow and Dawn Carmody. Ohde Funeral Home, Coon Rapids, in charge of arrangements.