

Yvonne Perry, 80

Nov. 3, 1922 - May 2, 2003

HARLAN - Guena Yvonne Perry, the daughter of Hubert C. and Ina M. (Smith) Larsen, was born Nov. 3, 1922, in Alta. Yvonne, as she wanted to be called, attended school in Alta until the family moved to Maxwell, in 1934, where she graduated from high school with the class of 1940. Her school years were highlighted by activities that included Girl Scouts, playing trumpet in the band and playing basketball. Her twin sister, Yvette, was active in all the same activities. After graduating from high school, Yvonne attended Iowa State University in Ames.



June 8, 1941, she married Marvin Clayton Perry at the home of her parents in Maxwell. One daughter, Barbara, was born to this union. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Woodburn, for a short time before making their home in Osceola, in 1957. Yvonne became employed at the Clarke County Public Hospital in 1953. She was then named the Hospital Administrator in 1957. Her activities in her professional life included membership in the Iowa Hospital Association, president of the United Methodist Women, the United Methodist Church in Osceola, Ophir Chapter No. 267, Order of Eastern Star and Mother Advisor for the Rainbow Girls. After the death of her husband, Marvin, Sept. 17, 1964, Yvonne continued to make her home in Osceola, and worked at the hospital. She retired in December 1984. She decided in 1990 to move to Harlan where she became a backyard neighbor to her daughter and her family. She joined First United Methodist Church in Harlan, was elected president of the United Methodist Women in Harlan, and Damaris Circle. She was active in church life. Yvonne died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital May 2, 2003, at age 80 years, five months and 29 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband. Survivors include her daughter, Barb (Bob) English of Harlan; two grandsons, Matthew English and his fiancée, Sara Bieker of Harlan, and Andrew English of Indianola; her twin sister, Yvette (Harold) Vande Berg of LaVista, NE; and her younger sister, Jeri Braun of Newton; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 5, 2003, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery in Osceola, with Ken Perry, Tom English, Eric Vande Berg, Pat Pattison, Byron Perry and Jerry Johnson casket bearers.