

## Edrie Garnet Phillips, 90

*Jan. 20, 1909 - Oct. 3, 1999*

**HARLAN** - Edrie Garnet Phillips, daughter of James Riley and Fannie Bliss (Glick) Callen, was born Jan. 20, 1909, in Wahoo, NE. When she was three years old her family returned to the Centerville/Moravia area. She attended country school and graduated from Moravia High School in 1926. After normal training, Edrie began teaching school in Pleasant Grove, Monroe County. She then taught for 12 years in rural schools in Appanoose County.

Sept. 4, 1940, Edrie married Harry Monroe Phillips in Centerville. The couple lived on the family farm located northeast of Centerville. Harry died Nov. 10, 1967, and Edrie continued to live in their farm home until 1979, when she sold the farm and moved to Moravia. In July, 1998, when her health failed, Edrie moved to Harlan to be near her daughter, Janet. At the age of 14, Edrie joined Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia. She was an active member of this church and the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church after her marriage. She served her church as treasurer, adult Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School teacher. Ill health prevented her active participation in later years. Her lifelong devotion for learning and teaching was evident in her church service and her activity as a 4-H leader. She died Oct. 3, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 90 years, eight months and 13 days.

Preceding Edrie in death were her parents and her husband, Harry. Survivors include four children, Janet (Pat) Davitt of Harlan; Glen (Linda) Phillips of Raleigh, NC; Rosemary (Jerry) Ziskind of Falls Church, VA and David (Sharon) Phillips of Bettendorf; three sisters, Reba Packard of Charlottesville, VA; Ardis Walter of Moravia; and Glee Dayton of Perry; one brother, Dale (Evelyn) Callen of Des Moines; ten grandchildren, Kim (John) Schmitz of Iowa City; Lisa (Todd) Shaw of Ankeny; Rachelle (Jeff) Goeser of Davenport; Theresa (Jim) Kranz of Philadelphia, PA; Sean Phillips and Wes Phillips, both of Raleigh, NC; Ben Ziskind and Jeff Ziskind, both of Falls Church, VA and Chris Phillips and Danny Phillips, both of Bettendorf; seven great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, 1999, at Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia, with Pastor Larry Pauley officiating. Casket bearers were Sean Phillips, Wes Phillips, Ben Ziskind, Jeff Ziskind, Chris Phillips and Danny Phillips. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery in Centerville. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements, with Schmidt Family Funeral Home in Centerville, assisting.