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Mavis M. Piercy, 77

Nov. 20, 1921 - Aug. 23, 1999

HARLAN - Mavis Margaret Piercy, daughter of Edward and Margaret May (McGuinness) Kinkade, was born Nov. 20, 1921, in Henry, SD. She was baptized and confirmed at the Henry, SD Methodist Church and attended grade school in Henry, SD, later moving to Rockwell City, where she completed high school graduating in 1937. Following high school graduation, she attended Gates Business College in Ft. Dodge.

She married Norman Wilbur Piercy June 28, 1942, in Newell. To this union two children were born, Rex and Cheryl. Following their wedding, the couple made their home in Storm Lake, where Mavis was employed as an accountant and secretary for Production Credit and E.W. Oates Lumber Company. In 1962, the Piercy family moved to Harlan. She was a member of the Memorial Fund Committee, Mission's Committee, Sunday School, Builder's Class and was solely responsible for changing the Paraments for worship services at First United Methodist Church in Harlan. She was involved in the Shelby County Garden Club, Friday Club and Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Having become active in the Royal Neighbors organization in Storm Lake, she was later designated as an honorary life member. She died Aug. 23, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 77 years, nine months and three days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Kenneth and Melvin. Survivors include her husband, Norman of Harlan; her children, Rex Piercy of Waukee; Cheryl (Keith) Burchett of Harlan; four grandchildren; one great grandchild and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jason Piercy, Norman Kinkade, Larry Miller, Jennifer Piercy, Leah Sheldon, Kim Burchett, Timothy Sheldon, Ross Burchett and Scott Burchett casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

