

Lucile Tryon, 91

Sept. 8, 1913 - Sept. 16, 2004

DEFIANCE — Lucile Pauline Tryon, daughter of Elmer and Jessie (Wilson) McBride, was born Sept. 8, 1913, in Defiance. She grew up in Defiance and graduated from Defiance High School in 1929. After attending Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for a year, she taught country school in Shelby County for nine years.

June 2, 1940, Lucile married James Riley Tyron at the church parsonage in Defiance. The couple farmed in rural Defiance until 1981. They lived on a farm until 1967, when they moved into Defiance. From 1971-76, Lucile and James owned and operated a drive-in restaurant in Defiance. James died Feb. 21, 1985, in Harlan. Lucile continued living in their Defiance home until December, 1999, when she moved to the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. In September, 2003, she became a resident of the Colonial Manor in Anita. She was a member of the Defiance United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Shelby County Extension Council for many years. She was active in the 4-H program, the Harlan Area Christian Women's Club, and she had served as a Union Township Cemetery board member. In 1999, Lucile was honored as Defiance Citizen of the Year. She died Sept. 16, 2004, at the Colonial Manor in Anita, at age 91 years and eight days.

Preceding Lucile in death were her parents; her husband, James R. Tryon; and one sister, LaVerne Meyers. Survivors include one son, Jim Tryon of Aurora, CO; two daughters, Pat Papenheim of Des Moines; and Luella (James) Bartelson of Anita; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 2004, at the Defiance United Methodist Church with Rev. Keith Pals and Pastor Walter Bernard officiating. Casket bearers were Mark Tryon, Brian Bartelson, Terry Densmore, Ronald Tryon, Robert Tryon, Dick Tryon and Jim Hulsebus. Burial was in the Union Township Cemetery in Defiance. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.