

## **Effie "Jane" Dinesen, 83** ✓

*March 27, 1923 - Sept. 24, 2006*

**HARLAN** — Effie Jane Dinesen, the daughter of Gordon E. and Effie Bessie (Rose) Terrell, was born March 27, 1923, in Dunlap. She attended Dunlap schools through the eleventh grade.

Jan. 3, 1940, Jane married Leonard Keith Dinesen in Onawa. The couple farmed northeast of Harlan, where they also raised livestock. Jane worked as a waitress at the Harlan Bowling Alley and later as a dishwasher and cook for eight years at West Ridge School in Harlan. Nov. 20, 1985, Jane experienced a stroke, which caused her to make her home at the Elm Crest Retirement Community. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, where she was active in the Methodist Church Women's Circle. She was also a charter member of the Shelby County Historical Society, and a member of the Zenobia Rebekah Lodge #286 and the Merry Homemaker's Club. She was a former 4-H leader, as well. She died Sept. 24, 2006, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 83 years, five months, and 28 days.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leonard, March 19, 1985; four sisters, Aletha Cornelious, Julia Albrecht, Eleonor Terwilliger, and Voy Terrell; and one brother, Elmer Terrell. She is survived by two sons, Melvin (Janis) Dinesen of Harlan, and Donald (Chris) Dinesen of Bakersfield, CA; two daughters, Peggy Hess and Susan (Jerry) Lambert, both of Harlan; one sister, Scenna Gordon of Dow City; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 27, 2006, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Rev. Dave Swinton of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Casket bearers were Jamie Hess, Nancy Boos, Brian Lambert, Jason Dinesen, Amy Heflin, and Robert Heflin. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.