

Gwenive Dinkel, 98

Aug. 30, 1912 - May 17, 2011

HARLAN — Gwenive Catherine Dinkel, age 98, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, where she had resided for the past six years. Gwen was born on August 30, 1912, in Blockton, the second of five children of Lena and Allen Stephens. She grew up in the Diagonal area and attended Diagonal High School, where she met her future husband, Robert Dinkel. During her high school years, Gwen earned the admiration of her fellow students and instructors and was prominent in school activities. She graduated from Diagonal High School in 1931.



June 30, 1933, Gwen was united in marriage to Robert Dinkel in the Methodist parsonage in Diagonal. Robert's job necessitated many moves during the first years of their married life. In 1942 they moved to Logan, where they made their home for the next 61 years. Gwenive and Robert celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2003. As a mother of five, Gwen was always very supportive of their many activities, concerts, plays, and sporting events in which her children participated. Gwen was a long-time member of the Logan United Methodist Church and was awarded a lifetime membership in the United Methodist Women for her many years of service and devotion to their organization. Gwen also earned the reputation as an excellent seamstress and cook. In February of 2005 Gwen moved to the Elm Crest Community, where she enjoyed the many new friends she made there. She looked forward to visits from her children, and especially delighted in visits from her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Reflecting on her life several years ago, Gwen comments, "I wonder why the Lord has let me live so long. It's been wonderful!"

Gwen was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; parents; brothers, Gayland and W.A.; sisters, Guelda Moon and Galene Varner. Survivors include her daughters, Muriel Lemons and husband, Bill, of Harlan; Barbara Schmidt and husband, Jerry, of Sioux Falls, SD; Linda Mindrup and husband, Larry, of Clive; Diana Buter and husband, Larry, of Grinnell; son, Alvin Dinkel and wife, Judy, of Logan; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family was held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2011, at the Logan Memorial Chapel in Logan. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21, 2011, at the Logan United Methodist Church with Pastor Jack Hofmockel officiating. Organist was Barb Sherer and vocalist was David Dickinson. A saxophone solo, "Amazing Grace" was by Jacob Lemons. Honorary casketbearers were Debra Klein, Jill Wright,

Cathy Powell, Julie Swenson, Christine DeWitt, and Victoria Tucker. Casketbearers were Michael Mindrup, Robb Schmidt, Kevin Dinkel, Douglas Mindrup, Jay Schmidt, Gary Lemons, and Eric Buter. Logan Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

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