

Ione Duncan, 89

July 26, 1916 - July 15, 2006

SANTA CLARA, CA — Iona Young Duncan was born in Charter Oak, July 26, 1916, to Maud and Melvin Young. In 1928 her family moved to Defiance to live with her grandfather, William Marshall Young, then the Defiance postmaster, and for many years hence. Ione attended Defiance High School graduating in 1933 as Valedictorian of her class. Having decided to pursue a career in nursing, she attended training at the then Sioux City Methodist Hospital and graduated in 1939. She worked as a private nurse until shortly after WWII broke out at which time she joined the Navy Nurse Corps commissioned as a Lieutenant.

She met her husband, Samuel Edward Duncan (also in the Navy) while stationed in California. They were married in 1947 and lived for many years in Hawaii. She died July 15, 2006, 11 days before her 90th birthday of dementia at Pacific Gardens Assisted Living in Santa Clara, CA.

Ione is survived by her two children, Samuel (Carmen) Duncan of Alexandria, VA and Rebecca Duncan and husband, Mark Lemke, of Mountain View, CA; three grandchildren, Gavin and Ian Duncan and Ben Lemke; three great-grandchildren, Nanea, Emma and Ryan Duncan; her sister-in-law, Alice Ann Jordan Young of Harlan; nieces, Sandra Sue Baxter Kramer of Lafayette, CO and Patrice Colleen Young of Harlan; nephew, Michael James Young of Harlan; and three generations of grand nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Spangler Mortuary, Mountain View, CA July 21, 2006. A private burial followed.