

## Florence Lewis, 85

*Aug. 27, 1917 - Aug. 1, 2003*

**JUNO BEACH, FL** – Florence Day was born Aug. 27, 1917, in Council Bluffs. She lost her father and a brother, both named Jackson, early in life. As a young woman she cared for her invalid mother and two younger brothers, Donald and Frederick "Bud". She attended Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, enrolled in a finishing school in Gulf Port, MS, and earned a certificate from the Katharine Gibbs School in Boston, MA.

In 1941, she married Francis Jackson "Jack" Lewis of Harlan. They had been friends since childhood, and married on the eve of Jack's service in World War II. Jack's military postings took them and their first child, William, to California. After the war, they returned to Harlan, where Jack had succeeded his father as president of the Harlan National Bank. Florence gave birth to two more boys, Frederick Donald in 1943 and David in 1952, and devoted herself to raising her family. She was active in P.E.O. and church activities at the Congregational (later United Church of Christ) Church in Harlan. Jack and Florence retired in Juno Beach, FL, where they owned a home and later moved into the Waterford Retirement Community. Jack died in 2001, leaving Florence in the care of good friends at the Waterford. She had suffered a debilitating stroke in December of 2002, and was living among her friends at the Waterford Retirement Community in Juno Beach, FL. She died quietly in her sleep the morning of Aug. 1, 2003, just a few weeks short of her 86th birthday.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Donald; grandson, Charles; and brothers, Bud and Jackson. Florence is survived by her sons, William and David; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and her brother, Don.

A memorial service was held Oct. 11, 2003, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with Rev. Donna Ewert officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

