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Elaine M. Nelson, 72 ✓

Jan. 7, 1923 - Nov. 30, 1995

Buena Vista, AR - Elaine M. Nelson, 72 died Nov. 30, 1995 at her home in Bella Vista, AR. She was born Jan. 7, 1923 in Atlantic to Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Miller. She moved, with her parents, to Harlan when she was just a few weeks old. She completed her educational career through high school in Harlan. After completing her college work at Peru State Teacher's College in Peru, NE she taught school for several years. She was active in various parts of the music field, both vocal and instrumental. Her interest in music continued until her death.

She married Vincent Nelson June 30, 1943 and patiently waited for the end of the war and her husband's return from military service in the Pacific. She became a busy farmer's wife until 1956 when they left the farm for the gospel ministry. She demonstrated her love to her Lord as a productive pastor's wife, teaching and counseling many. They retired from the active pastoral work in 1988 and after spending some time in Washington State and IA, they moved to Bella Vista, AR in Nov. 1993.

She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Vincent Nelson, of 52 years; four devoted children, Marc (Zay) of Denver, CO; Nikki (Jerry) Brannen of Bella Vista, AR; T.K. (Connie) of Gig Harbor, WA and Jim (Brenda) of Delta Junction, AK; three brothers, Lee Miller of Phoenix, AZ; Gene Miller of Omaha, NE and Glen Miller of Estes Park, CO and twelve grandchildren.

Graveside service and burial was held Dec. 4, 1995 at the Harlan Cemetery. The memorial service will follow at the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby with Rev. Gerald Oliver and Rev. Dean Sparr officiating. A memorial service was held Dec. 6 at the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista with Rev. Jim Still officiating. Arrangements by the Bella Vista Funeral Home and Crematory, Bella Vista, AR.