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# Winnie Richards, 95

July 25, 1900 - April 15, 1996

**HARLAN** - Winnie Phoebe Richards, daughter of Edward and Jessie Grace (White) Prindle, was born July 25, 1900 at Gibbon, NE. She was one of seven girls and three boys in the family. At age 11 years, she moved with the family to a farm near Kearney, NE and graduated from Kearney High School.

Sept. 1, 1920 she married Roy Richards in the Methodist Parsonage at Kearney. After their marriage, they farmed the Richards farm north of Kearney for 21 years and this was where their three children were born. In 1941 the family moved to a farm near Kirkman and in 1947 moved to a farm south of Harlan. In 1960 they retired from farming and moved into Harlan. After his death Jan. 26, 1975 she continued to reside in Harlan and in 1982 became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. She remained there until April of 1989 when she moved to the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. It was there that she died April 15, 1996 at age 95 years, eight months and 21 days. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan and the United Methodist Women. She was active in 4-H and Extension work having served as a leader and also as Girls County 4-H chairman. She had also served as a volunteer worker for many years in the Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, serving as the hostess cart chairman for this time and was active in the Shelby County Historical Society. She was also honored to have been awarded the Harlan Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award in 1976.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Maggie Marshall, Elma Copley, Mildred Shafto, Ernest and Homer Prindle; Kate Richards and Walter Prindle; her daughter, Clarabel Nielsen and her son-in-law, Francis Peterson. She is survived by her children, Frances Peterson of Harlan and Harold (Marjorie) Richards of Kimballton; five grandchildren; three step grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; her sisters, Neva Nicolarsen of Kearney, NE and Gladys James (Alfred) of Omaha, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 18, 1996 at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with David Clark, Rev. Dave Clark, Dan Woltman, Kelly Doonan, John Gerholdt and Richard Fields casket bearers.