

## **Mildred M. Smith, 83**

*March 21, 1911 - June 2, 1994*

**Riverside, CA** - Mildred M. Smith was born March 21, 1911 in Tennant, daughter of Oliver Browning and Sara Dell Wilson. She was one of eleven Wilson children. She graduated from Tennant High School and from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. She worked as a country school teacher until her marriage in 1936 to Harold E. Smith, of a prominent Harlan farming family.

She lived and worked on the Smith family farm until the marriage ended in 1955, after which she resumed teaching. The consolidation of the rural schools in the late 1950's put an end to the one room country schools she had taught in, and she decided to move to CA where several of her brothers and sisters had already settled.

After moving to CA she worked for 16 years at Fairview State Hospital for the mentally retarded in Costa Mesa, retiring in 1976. During the last years of her life, she lived with her son and his family, and maintained close contact with friends and relations in Iowa and around the country. She died June 2, 1994 at Parkview hospital in Riverside, CA.

She is survived by her son, Jack Smith (Paula); 3 grandchildren; and her brother Woodrow P. Wilson and sister Jessie Andersen of San Bernadino, CA.

Services were held at Eden Lutheran church in Riverside, CA June 9.