

Mary Souter, 78

MANNING — Mary, daughter of John R. and Agnes Thompson Houston, was born Dec. 13, 1908 at Meyersdale, PA. At age nine, she moved with her family to the Akron, OH area where she graduated from high school. She worked for the Bell Telephone System until her marriage to R. Lyall Souter on Aug. 22, 1931 at Akron. They lived in Akron where her husband worked as a mechanical engineer for BF Goodrich. In Nov. of 1946, after the retirement of Lyall's parents, they moved to the family farm southwest of Manning. Her husband died July 17, 1986.

She was a long time member of the Presbyterian Church and the Tri County Social Club. She was also a Red Cross volunteer worker at the Manning General hospital and Plaza. She became ill on Saturday and after treatment in the Manning General hospital emergency room was transferred by Life Flight to Mercy hospital in Des Moines. She was a patient in the Coronary Care Unit until her unexpected death on the following Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1987 at age 78 years, 8 months and 19 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and her step-father, Ray Miller; and a brother, James Houston, as a child. She is survived by her daughter, Beverly of Dallas, TX; her son, David Souter of Manning; four grandchildren; one brother, John R. Houston of Elkhorn, IN; a niece, a nephew and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Manning, Sept. 4, 1987 with Pastor Randy Ross, officiating. Burial was in the Manning City cemetery. Casket bearers were Ed Reischl, Jerome Croghan, George Doyel, Joe Croghan, Art Kuhn, Les Doyel and Arlo Hodne.