

Vinonia "Vi" Christina Stewart, 86 **Aug. 15, 1909 - Aug. 17, 1995**

Harlan - Vinonia "Vi" Christina Stewart, daughter of George and Emma (Meier) Steffusen, was born on Aug. 15, 1909, in Center Township, Shelby County. She grew up in Center and Fairview Townships, where she attended country school through the eighth grade.

Feb. 14, 1929 she married Walter J. Stewart at her parents' home in Fairview Township. The couple farmed 3/4 mile south of Jacksonville for many years. Upon their retirement in 1988, they moved into Harlan. She became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Feb., 1994. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan, and the Stitch & Chatter Club in Jacksonville. She also was a longtime member of the Farm Bureau. She died Aug. 17, 1995, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 86 years and 2 days.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one brother, George Steffusen, Jr.; and one son, Eugene Stewart. Survivors include her husband, Walter Stewart of Harlan; one daughter, Marilyn (Delbert) Hinz of Harlan; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 19, 1995, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan with Rev. Carl Rambo officiating. Casket bearers were John White, Emmet Hibdon, Dale Plagman, Dale McCracken, David McCracken and Jerry Schumacher. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.