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## Elva White, 93

Sept. 27, 1914 - Sept. 5, 2008

**HARLAN** – Elva Jeanette White was born on September 27, 1914 to Milton and Myrtle (Edwards) Blair in Harlan, IA. She spent her entire life in Harlan, graduating from Harlan High School in 1931 and then working in the office of the superintendent of schools until her marriage.

September 16, 1939, Elva was united in marriage to Glee White at the Methodist parsonage in Forest City, IA. They made their home in Harlan and enjoyed thirty-seven years together before Glee's sudden death in 1977. During these years Elva was a secretary in the Federal Land Bank office and also for the law firm of Jake and Keith More. She was a member of the Harlan First United Methodist Church since childhood, a member of United Methodist Women, the Myrtue Memorial Hospital and auxiliary, and the Harlan Friday Club. She enjoyed knitting and made everything from baby booties to jackets. She was proud of her roses at the house and loved her terriers: Tiny and Midge. At one time she inherited a Labrador named Hap from a neighbor because the dog kept coming back to Elva's house and they finally gave it to her. Elva became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community in November of 2007. It was there that she died on Friday, September 5, 2008, having attained the age of ninety-three years, eleven months, and nine days.

Elva was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Glee, her sisters: June Sorensen and Lela Mueller and her brothers Percy Blair and Loren Blair. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends.

A funeral service was held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, IA, with Pastor Dave Swinton officiating the 10:30 AM service. Casket bearers were Milton Mueller, Ron Sedlak, Tom Pansing, Robert Blair, Dar Lund, and Bill Lemons. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery.



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