

Beulah Hoskins Woodin, 83

Sept. 21, 1922 - May 15, 2006

HARLAN — Beulah "Boots" Iona Hoskins Woodin, the daughter of Elmer Leroy "Roy" and Celia Eva (Caldwell) Hoskins, was born Sept. 21, 1922, in Lincoln Township, Shelby County. She attended Harlan Schools and graduated from Longmont High School in Longmont, CO in 1940. She returned to Iowa and attended Iowa State College in Ames.

March 21, 1942, Beulah married Ronald R. Woodin at the home of her aunts, the Hoskins sisters, south of Harlan, by Rev. Lester Greenwood of the Methodist Church. Two children were born to this union, Dennis Richard and Diane Rae. They were privileged to celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary in March of 2003. During their married life, they resided on various military posts in Oklahoma, California, Pennsylvania and North Carolina until 1944 when Ronald served overseas until 1946. They then lived in Germany during the Korean War. Boots was a substitute teacher in Leon and in Harlan and was a team teacher in the Saydell Schools in Des Moines. She served as a 4-H leader for 10 years in Decatur and Shelby Counties. She was a member of the Lebanon Chapter, Harlan and a charter member of the First Star of Germany, Order of Eastern Star in Frankfort, Germany, serving as an officer in each. She was also a member of the Iowa Genealogical Society for several years where she served as an officer, published two volumes of a Surname index, gave workshops, taught courses in Panora and Perry Adult Evening Schools and founded the Guthrie County Genealogical Society. She was also a member of the Abigail Adams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Des Moines, having been on the committee that published "Revolution Soldiers Buried in Iowa," and has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Iowa Historical Society and other State Historical and Genealogical Societies. She was one of three founders of the Iowa National Guard Officers Auxiliary. Boots is part owner of the Hoskins Home Place Century Farm in Lincoln and Center Township, and owner of the Century Farm in Lincoln Township where she was born. She died May 15, 2006, at Little Flower Haven Nursing Home at age 83 years, seven months and 24 days.

In addition to her parents, and her husband, Ronald, Boots was preceded in death by two grandsons, Ronald Lee and Randall Scott Woodin. Survivors include her children, Dennis Woodin (Carol) of Harlan and Diane Woodin of Wauconda, IL; two grandchildren, James M. Lotko (Gabriela) of Elkhorn, WI and Kathleen M. Lotko of Vernon Hills, IL; four great-grandchildren, Blake and Bailey Woodin of Orlando, FL and Zachery and Nayomi Lotko of Elkhorn, WI; half-brother, Lowell Hoskins (Betty) of Sherman Oaks, CA; half-sister, Evelyn (Monte) Lund of Surprise, AZ; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 18, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Lester Moore officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Fritz Tiarks, Donald J. Petersen, Wayne Fink, Anker Rasmussen, Ed Swank, and Ted Friesner casket bearers.

