

Doris Stinn, 81

Aug. 11, 1926 - April 18, 2008

HARLAN — Doris Ellen Stinn, daughter of Frank and Clementine (Meier) Sick, was born on a farm northwest of Avoca in Fairview Township in Shelby County on August 11, 1926. She was baptized on December 27, 1931 at the Lutheran Church in Avoca and was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church at Persia. She later had her membership transferred to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Doris attended Shelby County Country School, Shelby Public School and graduated from Harlan High School in 1944. She took college teaching courses her junior and senior year in high school and practiced teaching in the Harlan elementary grades. She took the State Teachers Test and received a Normal Training Teachers Certificate and was certified to teach grades kindergarten through eighth grade.



November 4, 1953, Doris was united in marriage to Bernard Stinn at the Methodist Chapel in Denison, IA. To this union two children were born: Elaine and Dale. Doris taught forty-six years in three systems: Shelby County Country School grades kindergarten through eighth grade; St. Boniface School at Westphalia grades first, third, and fourth; and Shelby Tennant School at Shelby grades third, fourth, fifth, and sixth. She was a state teacher's delegate from Harlan for two years to the Des Moines Assembly and also did tutoring in her home. Doris received more college credits attending night school and summer school at Drake University; University of Nebraska at Omaha; Buena Vista College; and Iowa State University. She retired from teaching in May 1991. It was difficult being away from children so Doris began working in the baby and toddlers department at Time for Tots Care Center in Harlan where she retired for the second time. Doris enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, putting puzzles together, embroidery work, quilting and camping. She took pride in her flower garden and hanging baskets. Doris died on Friday, April 18, 2008, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of eighty-one years, eight months, and seven days.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bernard, her daughter Elaine, her brother Lloyd Sick and two sisters: Emma Schneckloth and Arlene Stinn. She is survived by her son Dale Stinn and his wife Edna of Seneca, MO; her granddaughter April Stinn; her great-granddaughter Jaden Stinn; step-grandchildren Amber, Bart, and Beth; her sisters Frances Pauley and Ruth and her husband Roy Fries all of Harlan; nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, IA. Pastor Heather Ploen and Pastor Steven Chellew officiated the 11:00 AM service with burial at the Harlan Cemetery. Serving as casket bearers were: Lee Stinn, Frank Sick, Dan Fries, Mike Stinn, Paul Stinn, and Bill Stinn.

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