

**Harlan friends and former students** were notified last week of the death of May Virden, 95, of Cherokee Village, AR, on December 15, 1997. A memorial service was held on January 15 at the Spring River Presbyterian Church in Hardy, AR.

She was born at Rowan, IA, on March 2, 1902. Miss Virden graduated from Rowan High School in 1920 and from Cornell College in Mount Vernon in 1924.

She joined the Harlan High School faculty in 1928 and taught English, directed plays and coached speech. May also organized a theatre group in Harlan.

She helped organize The Cherokee Village Players in 1976. The May Virden Fine Arts Scholarship is now her memorial. She is survived by a niece, Joni Ryan, P.O. Box 246, Cherokee Village, AR, 72525.