

Bessie Pollard

Bessie Lavawn Pollard, 99, of Osage, died Nov. 9, at her home in Osage.

Services were Nov. 12, at the United Methodist Church in Osage with Rev. Anna Blaedel officiating. Burial was in the Osage Cemetery.

Bessie was born August 8, 1911 in Deep River, the daughter of Herbert and Jennie (Hill) Pierce. She was graduated from Deep River High School in 1929 and received her teaching certificate from Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. Bessie married James Edwin Pollard on July 4, 1940 in Lancaster, Mo. She taught in rural schools in the Deep River area and they moved to Osage in 1949. Bessie was a member of the United Methodist Church in Osage, the Retired Teachers Association, Osage Wa-Fan-Ye, and the United Methodist Women. She was a Girl Scout leader and served as a Sunday School teacher for over 30 years. Bessie enjoyed playing cards, dominoes, reading and spending time with her family.

Bessie is survived by her five children, Ned (Carol) Pollard of Osage; Gary Pollard of Osage; Elaine (Craig) Rose of Clinton, Mo.; Kay (Larry) Combs of Corinth, Tex.; Janet (Claude) Kirchgatter of Riceville; and Joni Graves (friend and caregiver) of Osage; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James in 1973; a daughter Nancy; a granddaughter, April Pollard; four brothers and five sisters.

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