Iola Mae Cooper

Iola Mae Cooper, 96, formerly of Kellogg, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at Hillview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Platte City, Mo.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 5, at 11 a.m. in Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton with the Rev. Larry Pauley officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg with lunch follow at the Kellogg United Methodist Church.

She was born March 23, 1910, the daughter of Wade and Sylvia Ellis Bleakney in Jasper County where she grew up and attended school. She worked as a cook in a local cafe and was united in marriage on Aug. 28, 1926, with Harmon Lewis Cooper. They farmed near Kellogg. Her husband died in 1981 and she moved to Platte City in 1996. She was a member of the Kellogg United Methodist Church and enjoyed quilting, gardening, playing cards and cooking.

She is survived by grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three daughters, Betty Kenman, Beverly Shine and Donna McBryer; one grandson, two great grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.