

Frances L. Wilhite, 89



Frances Lucille Wilhite, 89, died on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Com-

munity Church, rural Deep River, with Pastor Dan Dickey officiating. Burial was at the Community Cemetery. Powell Funeral Home, North English, was in charge of the arrangements.

She was born on June 21, 1917, near Crawfordsville, the daughter of Ellis William and Florence McCleary Kongable. The family moved to rural Winfield later where she attended Winfield Consolidated School and graduated in 1935. Lucille taught country school for a short time. In 1938, she enrolled in Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, graduating in December 1941. She also enjoyed working at a weekly newspaper office and teaching child evangelism classes. On Feb. 21, 1951, Lucille was united in marriage with George Leroy Ellis Wilhite. They lived on a farm west of Millersburg for nearly 48 years. Lucille moved to North English in February 1999 when Ellis became a resident of the English Valley Care Center. El-

lis preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 2004. She and Ellis enjoyed serving God by volunteering with their musical talents at the Community Church, the Iowa County Home, the English Valley Care Center and the East Iowa Bible Camp. Lucille wrote the Millersburg area news for three newspapers for a number of years and was the registrar for years at the East Iowa Bible Camp.

She is survived by a daughter, Sylvia Hensley, and her husband, John, of Mount Eden, Ky.; four grandchildren, William Taylor Hensley and Carrie Lucinda Hensley of Mount Eden, Ky.; Rebecca Catherine Johnson, who is a student at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky.; and Phillip Kennedy Johnson and his wife, Elena, who is stationed with the First Army Field Band at Fort Meade near Washington D.C. Also surviving are eight brothers and sisters: Denzell Kongable of Aledo, Texas; Robert Kongable of Rhome, Texas; Evalyn Bock of Mount Pleasant; Pauline Coberley of Wayland; June Martin of Mount Pleasant; Eleanor Schneider of Wapello; Corene McMillen of Clinton Tenn.; and Vergene Lathrum of Gardner, Kansas.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, brother Arnold Kongable and sister Doris Hoy.

Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com under obituaries.

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