Obituaries

Lucile D. Bennett

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She was born Jan. 10, 1910, in rural Galesburg, to Garnie and Mae (Francis) Gross.

She was raised by her aunt, Myrtle Belle Enlow. She grew up and attended schools in the Galesburg area and received her degree in elementary education from Pittsburg State University in 1935.

She taught at schools at Dodge City, Fort Scott and at Emerson Elementary School, Girard, before retiring in the early 1970s.

On Oct. 12, 1940, she married Will Bennett at Lexington, Mo. He preceded her in death Nov. 18, 1998.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Girard; the Electa Chapter 23, Order of the Eastern Star of Girard; the Ladies Garden Club of Girard; and the University Women's Club of Pittsburg.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda A. Shoemake, of Pittsburg; one son, Leland F. Bennett, of Rolla, Mo., and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Leland Francis Gross.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, Girard, with the Rev. Verl Strong officiating. The services will conclude at the funeral home, with private graveside services at Girard Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, Girard, where friends may call after 1 p.m. Thursday. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, Girard.

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