

Mary L. Johnson 87, Ripley

RIPLEY – Mary L. Johnson, 87, of Ripley, departed this life peacefully at the home of her daughter and caregiver, Eleanor Hamon and husband Ken, Thursday, June 26, 2008, following an extended illness.

She was born January 27, 1921, at Sissonville, a daughter of the late Bert and Lula Beane Jones.

She was a loving and kind mother and grandmother and was a devoted wife. She was a wonderful seamstress and completed many quilts in her lifetime. She will be remembered by man for her cooking and baking; everyone wanted her recipes. She became a Christian at the age of 12 and lived for the Lord faithfully the rest of her life. She was a great prayer warrior and disciple of Christ. Through her witnessing many were led to walk the journey of faith. She is now at peace with our wonderful Lord and Savior.

Survivors include her daughter Eleanor Hamon and husband Ken; sons Everett Johnson and wife Ella Faith of Given and Gary Johnson and wife Yvonne of Loris, SC; grandchildren Greg Hamon, Tami Cox, Theresa Duncan, Tina Hudson, Tonja Nangle, Tara Smith, Annette Griffith and Michael Johnson; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Brady Johnson, whom she married in the "old" Epworth Methodist Church in Ripley on February 28, 1938; her brothers Bert Jones, Jr. and Sam Jones; sisters Lillian Kelly and Helen Jones; grandson Scott Hamon and granddaughter Victoria Johnson.

Services were held Saturday, June 28, 2008, at Casto Funeral Home, Evans, with Rev. George Freshour officiating. Burial followed in Fairplain Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to castofuneralhome@citynet.net.