

Oreta Pitchford

87, Vienna

VIENNA - Oreta Mae Pitchford, 87, of Vienna, died May 29, 2006, at the Arbors in Marietta, Ohio.

Oreta was born October 8, 1918, in Ripley, a daughter of the late Dr. Oshel C. and Ora C. Staats. Oreta graduated from Ripley High School and The Charleston School of Commerce. While she has not been active for many years, she was a member of the St. John's Methodist Church in Vienna, and before that, the Calvary United Methodist Church in Ripley.

Survivors include son Stephen L. Pitchford and his wife Ann of Vienna; grandson Darren L. Pitchford of Parkersburg; sister Eileen Vickers of Raleigh, NC; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Lowell D. Pitchford, whom she married on October 20, 1938; an infant daughter and two brothers.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, June 1, 2006, at the Fairplain Cemetery. Vail Funeral Home of Ripley is in charge of the arrangements.

While Oreta enjoyed good health for most of her life, she did suffer from Alzheimer's in her latter years. Memorial contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Association 508 Columbia Avenue Williamstown, WV 26187.