

Mary Reed Maloney

September 9, 1906 – November 8, 2000

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Mary Reed Maloney, 94, formerly of Harper Road, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000, at the Raleigh Center where she had been a resident for four years. She was the widow of Leonard Maloney who died Aug. 6, 1999.

Born Sept. 9, 1906, in Hinton, Mary was the youngest child of Joseph F. and Nancy Jane Harrah Reed.

She was a 1925 graduate of Hinton High School. She continued her education, earned her teaching certificate and taught school for 15 years. In June 1928, she married Leonard Maloney, also of Hinton.

They lived for many years on Prince Street in Beckley. Leonard's job then took them to Bluefield and on to Maysville, Ky., where they lived until their return to Harper Road.

Mary was a very talented woman. She was very active in the Garden Clubs of Beckley, entering many flower shows and judging many others. She was a member and past matron of Eastern Star Bethlehem Chapter No. 71.

She spent 35 years as a precinct worker in Raleigh County. Mary and Leonard spent many years registering voters in the Beckley area. She was a Democrat, he was a Republican and they always joked that their votes canceled one another's.

Going to The Greenbrier at White Sulphur Springs was a favorite pastime of Mary's.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Leatus Reed of East Bank and Lonnie Reed of Hinton; her sister, Willie Reed Williams of Mullens and her niece, Roselin Nichols Arnold of Mullens, who died last month.

Survivors include a nephew, Thomas Nichols, and his wife, Pauline, of Mullens, and three great-nieces, Myra Vance, Tommie Nichols Arnold and Elizabeth Nichols-Ross.

According to Mary's wishes, she will be cremated. A graveside service and burial of Mary's and Leonard's ashes will be held in the spring. Anyone wishing to be notified of this service, please contact her great-niece, Elizabeth Nichols-Ross, 1671 County Rt. 59, Cambridge, N.Y. 12816.

In appreciation of the wonderful care given to both Mary and Leonard at the Raleigh Center, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Raleigh Center, P.O. Box 741, Daniels, WV 25832.

Arrangements by Tankersley Funeral Home, Mullens.

