

Willetta Leabo, 86

Aug. 11, 1919 - Feb. 20, 2006

INDEPENDENCE, MO — Willetta Alberta Howard Sindt Leabo was born Aug. 11, 1919, in Hood River, OR, to Marion Legan Howard and Emma Florence Wentworth Howard. She grew up in Oregon and Iowa where her widowed mother did whatever it took to keep her four children together in her care.

Willetta married George Timm Sindt in Maryville, MO, Nov. 6, 1941. He died from cancer April 5, 1974. They raised four children in the Shelby and Harlan areas. Willetta worked at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan. After George's death, she worked as a live-in nurse for several families.

Willetta married Jesse Daniel "Dan" Leabo June 3, 1979, in Salt Lake City, UT. The parallel of their lives even before they met made them a perfect match. They resided in The Dalles, OR where they lived until 2001 when they moved to Kansas to live with her son, Robert and his family. Dan died at home Jan. 17, 2006, from complications related to Parkinson's disease. Willetta died Feb. 20, 2006, at 86.

Willetta was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, brother, Brent, and sister, Evelyn. She is survived by three sons, Rev. Marion Sindt of Radcliff; John Sindt of Sandy, UT; and Robert Sindt of Overland Park, KS; and one daughter, Julie Bruderer of Sandy, UT; 21 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; one sister and brother-in-law, Elba and Del Grosvenor, formerly of Logan now of Woodbine; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Feb. 25, 2006, at the Mount Washington Forever Mausoleum Chapel in Independence, MO. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery beside her first husband, George