

PAULINE CLIFTON

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Alice Pauline Southward Clifton, age 101 years, 6 months, 16 days, of Circleville, passed peacefully on Friday, June 15, at Pickaway Manor in Circleville.

She was the daughter of Ralph Leonard Southward and Martha Ella McPherson Southward, born Nov. 30, 1910, in Pherson, Pickaway County.

In 1912, her family migrated by train from Ohio to Oklahoma living first near Guthrie, farming; then later near McAlester, coal mining. On July 4, 1924, her family returned to Pherson, driving a Model T Ford touring car. This return trip required five days, stopping each evening to camp.

She graduated in 1928 from Jackson Township High School and in 1932 from Ohio State University in home economics where she was a member of the Kappa Phi Sorority. Her teaching career began that year at Darby Township High School for a salary of \$800. After having her children, she resumed teaching at Kingston Union High School then Zane Trace High School, from which she retired in 1975.

She married W. Harold Clifton Feb. 18, 1933, and thereafter resided in Circleville. They had nine children, seven of whom survive: Dr. Gene (Carolyn) Clifton, Springfield; Yvonne (Col. David) Corzilius, Cloverdale Calif.; Phyllis (Carl) Heister, Canal Winchester; Sally (Dr. Anthony) Giovinazzo, Medina; Carolyn (Ted) Goodman, Columbus; Marilyn (Dr. John) Davis, Columbus; and William (Nancy) Clifton, Anchorage, Alaska. She had 21 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren. She also is survived by her sister, Mary Cox (Delano) Williams of Lithopolis; and many nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed history and genealogy volunteering at the Pickaway County Historical Society; going to auctions where she collected many of her fine antiques that her husband, Harold, wonderfully restored; gardening where she tenderly cared for her beautifully landscaped yard and also the garden at the Moore House museum until her 99th year; and traveling visiting Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, England, Germany, Luxemburg, Austria, France, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Japan, Vietnam and Thailand.

She was a member of Community United Methodist Church, a life member of the Pickaway County Historical Society, a member of the Ohio Historical Society, American Association of University Women, Pickaway County Retired Teachers Association, and was selected Pickaway County 1992 Senior Citizen of the Year.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Ralph Herbert (Jane) and Richard Evert (Irene) Southward; sister, Marjorie Louise Southward; her husband, Harold, in 1995; infant sons,

William Harrison and Victor Allen Clifton; sons-in-law, Dr. John Tootle Davis and Col. David S Corzilius; and granddaughter, Cynthia E. Corzilius.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2012, at Community United Methodist Church, 120 N. Pickaway St., Circleville, with Pastor Barry Burns officiating. Interment will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Darbyville Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral Home, 151 E. Main St., Circleville.

Family requests memorial contributions to the AAUW Scholarship Fund, Circleville Branch, c/o Peg Scherer, 610 Garden Parkway, Circleville, OH 43113; or Berger Hospice Care, 1170 N. Court St., Suite B, Circleville, OH 43113.

The family would like to thank the Skilled Care Center staff at Pickaway Manor for their care and concern for Pauline.

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