

August 29, 2011

## Cleta M. Harris

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TERRE HAUTE — Cleta M. Harris, 88, of Terre Haute, passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011. She was born in Terre Haute, on Sept. 26, 1922, to Harry and Luella (Hathecock) Ross.

Cleta was educated in the Otter Creek Township Schools. She accepted Christ at an early age and became a dedicated member of Lost Creek Missionary Baptist Church. Cleta was united in marriage to Ervin H. Harris on June 4, 1940, and they celebrated 70 years of marriage in June 2010. Ervin preceded her in death in February 2011. Cleta was the founding president of the Lost Creek Community Club, to which she devoted many hours of service. She was a member of the Plus 30 Group at the YWCA. She also enjoyed reading, sewing, quilting, swimming, genealogy, and flower gardening.

She was preceded in death by five siblings: brothers, Everett, Donald and James Ross; and sisters, Electa and Luretta Ross.

Cleta is survived by five daughters, Alice Hord, Linda Harris, Katherine Johnson (Ralph), Beverly Preston (Gilbert-deceased), and Deanna Tyler (Bertie); 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; cousins; and a host of relatives and friends,

Visitation will be Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Callahan DeBaun Funeral Home, 2425 Wabash Avenue, in Terre Haute. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at Lost Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 4440 N. Creal Street, in Terre Haute, with visitation one hour prior to the service in the church. The Rev. Terrell Jones will officiate. Burial will be in Stewart Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lost Creek Restoration and Preservation Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 3507, Terre Haute, IN 47803. Online condolences can be made at: [www.callahanfuneralhome.com](http://www.callahanfuneralhome.com)