

Ferne Whitlock Dix

Ferne I. Whitlock, 88, 304 Jackson St., Dix, and lately of Nature Trail Nursing Home, died at 7:40 a.m. Jan. 22, 1987, at the nursing home.

She was born Aug. 17, 1898, in Jefferson County, the daughter of J.O. and Jossie (Hawkins) Purcell. April 29, 1916, she married Walter P. Whitlock in Mt. Vernon. He died May 6, 1986.

Funeral Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix with the Revs. Carl R. Watkins and Robert D. Harmon officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be after 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.



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The deceased was a proofreader for many years for the Mt. Vernon Register-News. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was a Past Worthy Matron of the Rome Chapter No. 1014 Order of the Eastern Star at Dix.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. Gaylord P. Whitlock and wife Margaret of Suisun City, Calif., and Walter Wendell Whitlock and wife Doris of Dunlap; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Shields and husband Harry and Beverly Carnahan, all of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Frank Purcell and wife Theda and Walter Alen Purcell and wife Gladys, all of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, Irene Sturman and husband Harold of Grand Pass, Mo., Lois Wimberly and husband Ross of Texico, Hazel Warren of Tulsa, Okla., and Ruby Charlene Stormont of Cartersville; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Floyd Purcell.