

Jane Roberta (Harpin) Harran passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, Nov. 9, 2005, at Integris Grove General Hospital in Grove, Okla., at the age of 69. Roberta was born Aug. 29, 1936, in St. Johnsbury to the late Robert Charles and Julia (Bruce) Harpin. She attended school in Passumpsic and later graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1955. She married Marnel Harran Nov. 18, 1956, in Passumpsic, Vt. Over the years, Roberta was well-known for being an outstanding cook. Her first job was at Parker Drug's Lunch Counter. After that, she worked for the Whittemores at their restaurant in Lower Waterford. In later years, she worked at Howdy Beef 'n Burger, McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Padoshabi and St. Johnsbury Academy. Over the years, Mrs. Harran was an active member of the Eastern Star (both in Vermont and later in Oklahoma) and Green Mountain Grange. She held the office of Grange secretary for many years. Roberta led many rummage sales and Grange dinners. She has been a member of Passumpsic Baptist Church, Third Congregational Church of East St. Johnsbury and Seminole First United Methodist Church. In addition to her cooking skills, she was an avid seamstress. Roberta was an excellent homemaker and enjoyed her family to the fullest. She is greatly missed. Roberta is survived by her husband, Marnel of Siloam Springs, Ark.; two sons, Franklyn Harran and his wife Linda, and Howard Harran all of Mary Esther, Fla.; two daughters, Marja Mayes and her husband John of Navarre, Fla., and Janel Bedor and her husband Daniel of Siloam Springs, Ark.; one brother, Bruce Harpin; five grandchildren, Austin and Dylan Mayes, Sarah Harran, and Curtis and Connor Bedor; a special brother-in-law, Donne Harran; nieces and nephews, Linda Konieczy, Steve Harran, Tim Harran, Mike Harran, John Harpin and Mark Harpin; a very special friend, Nancy Williams of California; and

many other loving relatives and friends. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, July 26, at the Passumpsic Cemetery, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Green Mountain Grange. Following the service, everyone is invited to visit with the family over a small luncheon at Tim's Deli.