



Isabelle G. Hurley

September 3, 1965 - February 12, 2006

Isabelle Genevieve Clark Hurley, 95, of Belle Vernon, died Sunday, February 12, 2006 in Mon Valley Hospital. Born on August 19, 1910, in McKeesport, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Genevieve Gorman Clark. She married the late John Edwin Hurley with whom she celebrated almost 55 years of marriage. Mrs. Hurley was well known through her years as an employee of the Valley Independent, starting as a stringer for sports for 12 years, then 25 years as the society editor, retiring from the daily work after 37 years. She also worked for the Belle Vernon Enterprise. Mrs. Hurley continued to write for the Valley Independent as a contributing columnist until the Spring of 2005. Mrs. Hurley was extremely active in her community as a volunteer for many organizations including 2 years as chairman of the PTA publicity committee, 20 years as a member of the Mon Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors including 2 years as Chapter Chairman, as well as 10 years as United Way of Mon Valley Secretary. She was also a member of the Pennsylvania News Women Chapter. Mrs. Hurley was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Monongahela and was an active member of the former Trinity Episcopal Church of Monessen, teaching Sunday school and was a member of the Women's Guild. She was a life-long member of the Tuesday Evening Civic Club in Belle Vernon, serving as president for two three-year terms. Mrs. Hurley received many awards including 1972 Belle Vernon Booster Award, Belle Vernon Rotary Outstanding Citizen Award in 1985, 1991 Mon Valley Pitt Golden Panther of the year, and in September

2003 was inducted into the Belle Vernon Area High School Football Hall of Fame as the its first female sports writer. She was a strong supporter of the Mon Valley ARC, a 25-year member of SCORE, president of the Belle Vernon Sesquicentennial Celebration and was also a strong supporter of the performing arts. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Doris Jean Morley, son-in-law, The Reverend Arthur James Morley, and grandson, Arthur David Morley. Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Eleanor Clark of Belle Vernon, and their children, Kimberly, Lisa, Amy Beth, and Kenneth, and their grandchildren, Logan and Connor; granddaughter and husband, Deborah Jo and James Anderson, of Monessen, granddaughter Nancy Jones, of Wilmington, Delaware, and granddaughter-in-law, Debra Sue Morley. She also was great-grandmother to John, David, Tiffany, and Jay Jones, Jim and Jessica Morley, step great-grandmother to Laura, James, Brian and Jennifer Anderson, and great great-grandmother to Caitlynn Rose and Zachary David Anderson of Belle Vernon. Friends will be received Monday from 7 to 9 P.M. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Service, www.fergusonfuneralhome.net, (724-929-5300), a Golden Rule Member Firm, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. with Fr. John Fierro officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.