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Jessie Elizabeth Cooper was born in Seattle, WA to Alfred Howard Woodward and Blanche Lucille Calkins. She is survived by her husband Eugene Morton Cooper Sr. whom she married on June 2nd following her graduation from Eddyville High School.

Jessie and Gene established their home in the Harlan Valley in 1946 and after 70 years of residency both are well-known for their commitment and service to the Harlan community. Through her participation in the Church, Grange, and local Forestry industry, her early employment as a US mail-carrier and school bus driver, and her early service to the Christian Scouts, Jessie established herself as a familiar face in the Valley well known for her candor, fearlessness, determination, and accessibility.

Jesse is survived by her family to which she was fiercely loyal. She spent much time and effort in traveling and supporting her children Ann Cooper Woodward and Eugene Morton Cooper Jr., six grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren, as they pursued schooling, athletics, marriage, births, and the general trials and tribulations of life. Jesse's home was the heart of her family; an unchanging familiar place of comfort and strength. Jesse Elizabeth Cooper was a courageous woman with a kind heart and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service, 2:00 pm, Saturday June 18, 2016 at Blodgett Community Church, 21160 Blodgett Road.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 18. 2:00 AM (PT)

Blodgett Community Church  
21160 Old Blodgett Rd?  
Blodgett, OR

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Gene and the rest of Jessie's family,  
Jesse was always a pleasure to meet. She was easy to visit with and made me feel welcome at her home. I think my first meeting with her was in the 1970s in Salem at a legislative hearing about snaring bears. She was there with a group of women, probably "Women in Timber". We shared many of the same values. I'm very sorry for your loss, but please know that you are not alone. She was a positive influence on many outside of your family, including me.  
Gary Blanchard

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**Gary Blanchard** - June 20, 2016 at 12:54 PM