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WALL OF FAME
Inducted May 2001



LEONA KURTZ

Leona Kregel Kurtz was born May 9, 1900 in the town of Washington, Shawano County. She attended Oconto Falls High School and graduated in 1917. After graduation Leona began teaching until she married Norman Kurtz December of 1921.

Leona and Norman made their home in Oconto Falls owning and operating the Pontiac Dealership. She worked with Norman as their bookkeeper while raising their 2 children, Donna and Jack. Leona's family has grown to include 9 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 6 great, great grandchildren.

She joined the Oconto Falls Methodist Church in 1915 and holds title to the oldest member. She has faithfully served her God through many activities in the church. Leona sang in the church choir, assisted in organizing the church bazaar, donating one of her crocheted afghans each year for many years, and taught the boys Sunday school class. She often read the liturgy at church services, and is a member of the United Methodist Woman's Organization.

Leona has been an active member of Eastern Star for more than 50 years holding many positions within the organization. At the celebration of her 100th birthday in May of 2000, Leona was presented with a certificate honoring her 67 continuous years of service in the State American Legion Auxiliary. She was, also, presented with a "key" to the city, and received a special award from the Historical Society for being the oldest charter member.

Leona Kurtz is well known and admired in her community having contributed so much of herself and her talents for over a century.