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**Verna Borton
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June 18, 1913, to April 17, 2002

Verna Borton, 88, of Nevada, died Wednesday, April 17, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids of compound injuries sustained in an automobile accident on April 1.

She was born June 18, 1913, in rural Zearing to Willie E. and Gurine (Vallem) Michaelson. She attended school in Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota and graduated from Scarville Iowa High School in 1932. She married Roy Earl Borton on March 7, 1934, in Thompson. She shared in her husband's farming interests in the Garden City, Shipley and Fernald areas before moving to Milford Township in 1947. She was a member of Memorial Lutheran Church, Ruth Circle, PTA president, a 4-H leader and quilted with Story City St. Petrie Church. She also was a Milford Happy Hour club member and a Story County RSVP worker. She was an avid sports fan of local sports and those at Iowa State University and the University of Iowa. She enjoyed gardening and making sure her grandchildren were involved in various activities. Since 1965, she has sponsored a Story County 4-H Garden and Ag Award.

Survivors include a son, Arthur (and Donna) Borton of Nevada; two daughters, Jurine Borton Moore of Mt. Vernon and Florine (and Merrill) Smalley of Iowa City; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters, Dorothy Woodbury of Arlington, Va., Mildred Murray of Moline, Ill., June Egland of Story City, and Virginia Marshall of Canyon Lake, Calif.; and three sisters-in-law, Betty Michaelson, Julia Borton Cooling and Sarah Borton.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy, on Jan. 27, 1965; three brothers, Gordon Milford and Orlo Michaelson; and four sisters, Blanche Ryerson, Winifred Bond, Fern Marsh and Laura Settle.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 20, at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada with Pastor Myron Herzberg officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Memory Gardens near Nevada. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for the Memorial Lutheran Church. Chet Ryan Mortuary, Nevada, handled arrangements.

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