Opaline Brooks


Opaline Brooks, 66, of Nevada, died of hypothermia on Monday, Jan. 7, at Story County Medical Center in Nevada.

She was born Dec. 28, 1935, in Drakesboro, Ky., to James and Thelma (Webster) Bradley. She married Richard Paul Brooks on Nov. 9, 1957, in Drakesboro, Ky. She had been employed as a bookkeeper at Donnelleys and retired from Fernald Grain in 1991. She had also been employed in the ISU Athletic Department. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting. She had been a resident of Nevada for the past 40 years.

Survivors include her husband Richard Brooks of Nevada; two sons, Richard Paul Brooks, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, and James Earl Brooks of Nevada; one granddaughter; two sisters, Estelle Travis of Nevada and Frances Buxbaum of Davenport; two brothers, Estil Bradley of Springfield, Ore., and James Bradley of Owensboro, Ky.

She is preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, Timothy, and two sisters, Doris Balke and Belinda Bradley.

Graveside services were held today, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Evergreen Memory Gardens in Nevada. Visitation was held two hours prior to the graveside service at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada. A memorial fund has been established.

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