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Gladys Ilene Obenchain

Aug. 12, 1909 to Aug. 8, 2003

Gladys Ilene Obenchain, 93, of Nevada, died Friday, Aug. 8, at the Israel Hospice House in Ames.

She was born Aug. 12, 1909, in Colfax to Walter and Elizabeth "Dolly" Cox. She graduated from Hazelton High School and played on the girls' basketball team. She was married to Claire Obenchain and they farmed south of Zearing until 1947. They were married for 63 years. She worked at Donnelley Marketing in Nevada, the Golden Inn care home and Colonial Manor in Zearing. She attended the Bethel United Methodist Church in Zearing. She loved her family, friends and animals. She liked to read and was an avid sports fan.

Survivors include a son, Ron (and Romona) Obenchain of Shawnee, Kan.; a daughter, Judy (and Kip) Farthing of Nevada; four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, on April 13, 1993; two sisters, Cleo Wickham and Alma Scott; and two brothers, Delos "Bud" Cox and Arthur "Babe" Cox.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Bethel United Methodist Church in Zearing with Pastor Lynn Gunderson officiating. Burial was in the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing. Fredregill Funeral Home, Zearing, handled arrangements.

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