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Sarah Ann Hartley

March 17, 1909, to Jan. 10, 2004

Sarah Ann Hartley, 94, of Maxwell, died Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Story County Long Term Care Facility in Nevada.

She was born March 17, 1909, at Maxwell, to William and Cora (Teed) George. She married Ben Hartley Dec. 26, 1924, in Polk County. Ben preceded Sarah in death on Aug. 6, 1971. She was a loving mother and homemaker living on the same acreage outside of Maxwell for the past 66 years. She loved crocheting and loved to can, even in her later years. She remembered the Indians coming down Indian Creek, Gypsies and riding the train from Maxwell to Collins to visit her grandparents. She was a great Lawrence Welk fan and even enjoyed watching repeats over and over. She was an avid domino player. She loved her family dearly and spent her last year of life in Long Term Care. She was a member of the Maxwell United Methodist Church and the UMW.

Survivors include a son, Ben (and JoAnn) Hartley of Ankeny; five daughters, Florence Wheeler of Cambridge, Patricia Taylor of Maxwell, Alice Kahler of Cambridge, Louise (and Melvin) Burandt of Buffalo, Minn., and Linda (and Dennis) Eden of South Amana; a daughter-in-law, Waneva Hartley of Nevada; a sister-in-law, Phyllis George of Seattle, Wash.; 29 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five sons, triplets - Don, Dwight and Dorman, Joseph Hartley and Alvie Hartley; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Charles George; and six sisters, Ellen Diller, Alice Huntrods, Florence Thompson, Velma McCoy, Gertrude Maxwell and Mary George.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Maxwell United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Burket officiating. Burial was in the Maxwell Cemetery. The Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell handled arrangements.