

August 14, 2003

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Aug. 12, 1909 to Aug. 8, 2003

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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-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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of Shawnee, KS, and her daughter Judy and her son-in-law Kip Farthing of Nevada. Grandsons Chad and Wade Farthing of Nevada. Granddaughters Rhonda and Renee Obenchain, great granddaughter, Christine and great-great granddaughter Kayla of Shawnee, KS. Also surviving are all her friends at "The Meadows" in Nevada, several nieces, nephews and her friends in Zearing.

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