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Mildred McClellan

Aug. 30, 1904, to Oct. 30, 2003

Mildred McClellan, 99, of Bayard and formerly of Nevada, died Oct. 30 at the Bayard Nursing and Rehab Center in Bayard.

She was born Aug. 30, 1904, in Nevada to Orrin and Myrtle (Mayo) Padellford. She grew up in Nevada and graduated valedictorian of her class at Nevada High School. She then attended Drake University for one year before returning home to help care for her brothers and sisters. While back in Nevada, she also worked for the telephone company. On April 25, 1928, she married Ward McClellan in Des Moines. She and her husband remained in Nevada and worked for her uncle, who was a gravel contractor. She cooked for the crew. In 1932, they moved to Bayard and began farming. In 1939, they purchased the present family home place, east of Bayard and resided there until 1956, when they semi-retired and moved to Perry. In 1992, they both moved to the Bayard Care Center. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church and participated with the Women's Guild. She enjoyed singing with her sister, writing poetry, cooking, reading, gardening, sewing, embroidery, crocheting and making hooked rugs.

Survivors include her children, Ward (and Gayle) McClellan Jr. of Bayard and Anna Moylan of Omaha, Neb.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Edith McClellan of Bayard, Louise Miller of Guthrie Center, Dell Padellford of Centerville and Helen Padellford of Minneapolis, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in October of 1994; and eight brothers and sisters, two of whom died in infancy.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 3, at the United Methodist Church, Bayard, with Pastors Charles Thompson and Bob Rogers officiating. Interment was in the Highland Township Cemetery near Bayard.