

OBITUARIES

Iona L. Kleespie, 82

Mrs. Iona Kleespie, 82, of rural Zearing, passed away on Thursday, April 25 at Good Samaritan Care in Laurens, Iowa where she had resided since November of 2001.

Services were held for Kleespie on Monday, April 29 at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Zearing. Burial followed at the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing. Fredregill Funeral Home in Zearing was in charge of arrangements.

Kleespie was born on August 25, 1919 in Madrid to Frank and Jessie (Grigsby) Pies. She graduated from Luther High School and continued her education at Simpson College before earning her B.A. at Drake University. Iona married Ray Kleespie on Dec. 31, 1940 in Madrid.

Kleespie began her teaching career in McCallsburg and later

taught school in Hubbard before her retirement in 1985. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a member of Bethel United Methodist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Isabelle Chapter #271 in Colo.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Nancy (Ron) Reed of Laurens; one grandson, Bob (Carla) Reed of Albert City, Iowa; one granddaughter, Lori Thompson of Albert City; four great grandchildren, Justin, Ashley, Mason and Garrett Reed of Albert City; two brothers, Henry and Kenneth Pies of Madrid; two sisters, Mrs. Florence (Art) Kleespie of Zearing and Mrs. Marie Sutton of West Des Moines. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and her husband.

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Survivors include a daughter, Nancy (and Ron) Reed of Laurens; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Florence (and Art) Kleespie of Zearing and Marie Sutton of West Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray on July 12, 1986; and three brothers, Henry, Eldon and Edward Pies.

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