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Mary E. Reischauer

June 7, 1908, to July 3, 2004

Mary E. Reischauer, 96, passed away Saturday, July 3, 2004 at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Zearing, Iowa where she had been a resident for the past two years. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 6, at Fredregill Funeral Home in Zearing. Services were Wednesday, July 7, at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Zearing with burial at the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing.

Mary was born June 7, 1908, on a farm southeast of Zearing to Asa and Ella Barnard. She graduated from Zearing High School in 1925 and Drake University in 1929. She married Clarence Reischauer on February 23, 1929 at the Barnard homestead in Sherman Township. They farmed for many years in Story City, Iowa and Blue Earth, Minnesota. Clarence passed away in 1961, and Mary returned to Zearing the following year to care for her parents.

Mary was a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church, where she was very active in various groups within the church. She also belonged to the Civic Improvement Club, Sorosis and Senior Citizens Club. Mary deeply loved her family and will be remembered for her warmth, kindness and grace.

Mary is survived by sons, Delbert Howard (Judy) of Zearing and Bennett (Rosalie) of Muscatine; and daughters, Evelyn Abel of West Lafayette, Indiana and Kathryn of Loveland, Colorado. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband Clarence, son Gordon, one granddaughter and one great grandson. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Polycystic Kidney Foundation or the Bethel United Methodist Church.

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