Margaret Pearl Hays, 84, of Collins, died of cancer Thursday, Feb. 21, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston.

She was born April 18, 1917, in Granger County to Perry and Myrtle Evangeline (Cory) Moreland. She married Harry Mason Hays on Sept. 4, 1934, in Des Moines. She had been a beautician in Farrar for several years and had resided in Dallas, Jasper, Polk and Story counties. She was a member of the Farrar United Methodist Church. She enjoyed growing flowers and playing cards.

Survivors include two daughters, Doris (and Robert) Viens of Madrid, and Carol (and Jerry) Sager of Collins; a son, Dale (and Jean) Hays of Des Moines; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Baldwin of Collins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harry, on May 1, 1984; three brothers, Donald Moreland, Clyde Moreland and Beryl Moreland; and a sister, Elsie Snow.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 23, at Bacon Funeral Home, Maxwell, with Pastor Carol Gander officiating. Burial was in the Ashton Cemetery north of Mingo. Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell handled arrangements.
Margaret P. Hays

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Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell.