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Gertrude U. Hansen


Gertrude U. Hansen, 84, of Ames and formerly of Nevada, died Monday, Oct. 29, at The Abington on Grand Care Facility from a respiratory ailment.

She was born Sept. 13, 1917, in Ledyard to William and Anna (Rippentrop) Ukena. She attended and graduated from Lakota High School. She married Claire E. Hansen on July 9, 1944, in Algona. They lived in Chicago most of their married life. Gertrude moved to Algona in 1972 and also had lived in Hawaii and Arizona, before moving to Nevada in 1980. In 1999, she moved to Silvercrest in Ames and recently to The Abington on Grand. She was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada, the VFW Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary and Story County Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed collecting elephants, reading and listening to recorded books, crafts, traveling and being with friends and family.

She is survived by one sister, Amanda Kollasch of Bancroft.

Her parents, husband in 1972, five brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held today, Thursday, Nov. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada with the Rev. Scott Milsom officiating. Burial was this afternoon in the Buffalo Township Cemetery near Titonka. Memorials may be made to the Iowa Association of the Blind and/or to the Central Presbyterian Church. Bacon Funeral Home, Nevada, handled arrangements.

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