Velma L. Hilburn, 95, of Nevada, died Sunday, March 27, at Story County Long Term Care in Nevada. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada with the Rev. Myron D. Herzberg officiating. After a luncheon, burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Collins.

Velma was born Jan. 20, 1910, to A.L. and Lucille (Malloy) Pitcher. She was a 1928 graduate of Collins High School and a 1962 graduate of Drake University. She married Howard E. Hilburn on June 16, 1937, in Collins. She was a teacher in the Richland No. 1, Fernald, Zearing, Colo and Chariton schools. She was a member of Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada. She enjoyed reading and crocheting, and she loved being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Miriam L. Beaman and Marcia R. (Dean) Handsaker, all of Nevada; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother, Dr. M.O. Pitcher of Maquoketa.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard on Jan. 22, 1999; one daughter, Mary Anne Hilburn; one son-in-law, Jim Beaman; and three brothers.

Visitation will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m., at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada. A memorial fund has been established for Nevada Public Library. Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada is in charge of arrangements.

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