The daughter of Clarence and Alta Young Blair, she was born April 21, 1910, on the family farm in Rock Creek Township, Jasper County. She later moved with her family to Sydney and was a graduate of Sydney High School. She was married on Jan. 6, 1937, in Rockport, Mo., to James F. McKibbin. The couple lived in Brooklyn for several years before moving to a farm in Rock Creek Township in 1939. She moved to Grinnell in 1962 and to Newton in the late 1960s. She was employed as a cook, waitress and cashier at several restaurants and as a seamstress in a tailoring shop in Grinnell. While living in Newton she was employed at Pamida and as a cook at Newton Motor Inn. She was a member of the Farm Bureau, Victor Grange in Rock Creek Township and was active in 4-H. She had made her home in Oskaloosa since 2000. 

She is survived by two daughters Donna Corbin of Montezuma and Susan Bieman of Des Moines; one son James McKibbin of Cedar Rapids; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters Esther Blair and Velma Robinson; four brothers Bud, Zeke, Keith and Richard Blair and her former husband James F. McKibbin.

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