Obituaries

RAECHEL AXMEAR

Raechel Axmear, 95, died following a brief illness Sept. 5, at the
Keokuk County Health Center in Sigourney.

Mary Raechel Axmear was born on Aug. 14, 1917 near Keswick,
the daughter of Leo M. and
Griselda Schultz Higgins. Her
mother died when she was three
years old.

She was raised in the Sigourney
and Keswick communities by Leo
and her stepmother Cleo. She was
graduated from Keswick High
School in 1935 and then AIB in
Des Moines. Raechel worked as a
switchboard operator for the
Keswick Phone Company and later
for Modern Cooperative Telephone
Company in South English until
her retirement in 1982.

Raechel married Edgar J.
(Heavy) Axmear on Jan. 11, 1942,
at her parents home near Keswick.
They made their home in Keswick
where Edgar managed the Lumber
Yard before going into the bank-
ing business. Raechel and Edgar
also operated E & R Insurance for
many years. Edgar preceded her in
death in December 1992. Raechel
moved to Sigourney in 2007. She
was a 65-year-member of the
American Legion Auxiliary, the
Sorden Cemetery Association and
the Red Hats.

She is survived by several
nieces, nephews and cousins. She
was preceded in death by her par-
ents, husband and her sister Jo
Anne

Burial was in the Sorden Cem-
eter, rural Webster.