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Obituaries

RAEHEL 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 banking 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 parents, husband and her sister Jo Anne

. Burial was in the Sorden Cemetery, rural Webster.