A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 16, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Fred Berry, chaplain of the Iowa Hospice, officiating. Casket bearers were Randy Ahrens, Larry Aldrich, Cody Osborn, Travis Osborn, Ted Shurer and Scott Tow. Honorary bearers were Kim Adams, Becky Alexander, Fran Bryant, Lynette Hansen, Madonna Henkle, Helen Morgan, Carolyn Ondorff, Debbie Price, Judi Roberts, Karla Vanderleest and Mary Whitehead. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to PALS, Iowa Hospice or to the Newburg Chester Women’s Fellowship and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA.

Evelyn was born on Sept. 16, 1921, near Ferguson, Iowa. As a young child, she was injured in an accident and was partially paralyzed. The family lived on various farms in Marshall and Poweshiek counties and she attended rural schools.

On June 29, 1946, she married Arthur Dale Osborn at the Northside Friends Church in Grinnell.

Evelyn and Arthur farmed in the Rock Creek Lake area, west of Grinnell, most of their lives. She assisted her husband with the farm operation and was a mother and homemaker. While living on the farm she gardened, baked breads and pies, and tended her flock of sheep. Besides caring for the farm animals, she also cared for a monkey, a cockatoo and some parrots.

Evelyn was a member of the Hickory Grove Church and the Neighborly Neighbor Club in the Newburg area.

She is survived by one son, Leon Osborn of Buffalo, Wyo.; one daughter, Raae Hamor of Gilman; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and one brother, Duane Claybrook of Omaha, Texas.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 67 years; her parents; one son, Garland D. Osborn; one brother, Wendell Claybrook; and one sister, Freda Ahrens.