Mildred Heinen, 86

Mildred Heinen, 86, of Brooklyn and formerly of Guernsey, died of heart disease Monday, Sept. 12, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. A funeral service will be held Friday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Victor, with the Rev. Reva Rimmer, pastor of the New Covenant Parish of Guernsey, officiating. Pianist will be Marilyn Kriigel and vocalist, Sue Kluber. Casket bearers will be Roger Evans, Brent Heinen, Michael Heinen, Lee King, Roger Steffen and Marvin Waline. Interment will be at the Guernsey Cemetery. Family will be present at the funeral home today (Thursday) from 6 to 8 p.m.

She was born on June 6, 1919, on the family farm near Deep River to Willard and Gladys Waline Wagner. She attended rural school and Guernsey Public School. On Nov. 2, 1937, she married Merrill Heinen in Iowa City. The couple farmed near Guernsey, and Mildred was a homemaker who assisted her husband with the farming operation. In 1973, the family sold their farm and moved to Belle Plaine. Following her husband's death in 1981, Mildred moved to Guernsey to make her home. She has resided at the Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn since 2003. She enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, needlework and birds.

She is survived by three sons, Howard Heinen of Brooklyn, Harlan (Stacy) Heinen of Montezuma and Herbert (Ven) Heinen of the Philippines; one daughter, Harriet Longmecker of Waverly; and one sister, Esther Oldaker of Marion. She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Louis Wagner; and one sister, Mabel Evans.

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