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Frances A. “Nell” Maschmann, age 87, of Brooklyn, Iowa, died Friday, May 20, 2016 at Brooklyn Community Estate, in Brooklyn, Iowa. Memorial services were held Monday, May 23, 2016, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn with Rev. Brent de Silva officiating. Interment will be at Harmony Cemetery in rural Brooklyn. The family received friends on Monday. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn is assisting the family with arrangements.

Frances is survived by her son Jim Maschmann (Hettie Ann) of Deep River; three daughters: Anita Allen (Patrick) of Deep River, Patricia Pefferman (Thomas) of Bella Vista, AR, and Fay Maschmann (Ace Morales) of Grinnell; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Billings, Erin Averkamp, Brad Thomas Pefferman, Cheyenne Marie Morales, Jamie Lee Maschmann-Allen, Zane Eric Maschmann, and Michelle Connolly and thirteen great grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Richard Hawkins (Melba) of Santa Maria, CA and Clarence Hawkins (Luanna) of Vinton, and a sister Betty Kopf of Marengo. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bud in 2008, a brother Raymond, and sisters Florence Tinkle, Beatrice DeLange, and Helen Brown.

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