Gail Muilenberg, 86, Pella

Gail D. Muilenberg, 86, of Pella passed away Jan. 9, 2007. Gail Muilenberg, daughter of Bert and Anna Hourihan Edwards, was born Jan. 6, 1921, in Oskaloosa. She passed away at the Pella Regional Health Center in Pella on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, three days after her eighty-sixth birthday.

Gail received her education in the Oskaloosa School District. She graduated from high school with the class of 1939. In 1941 she married Edward Oge and together they had a son, Gary. They divorced in 1946. On Sept. 11, 1948, Gail was united in marriage with Henry Muilenberg and she moved to Pella, where she resided until her death. To this union, a son, John, and a daughter, Shirley, were born. Henry passed away on Jan. 19, 2003.

Gail was employed at the Pella Overall Factory, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the TOPS Club and was the Union Secretary at the overall factory. She loved watching sports, cooking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and most of all, her family. She was a long-time avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes.

She is survived by her three children: Gary Muilenberg and his wife, Susan, of Eagan, Minnesota; John Muilenberg of Pella; Shirley Van Weeken and her husband, Randy, of Knoxville; seven grandchildren: Thomas and Shellee Muilenberg, Paul and Michelle Muilenberg, Rebecca and Kurt Schuler, Robert and Kendra Callahan, Michael Callahan, April and Bryon Wolfe, and Katie Callahan; three great-granddaughters: Emily, Joanne and Alyssa Wolfe; one great-grandson, Spencer Callahan; and one brother Roy Edwards and his wife, Jean, of Oskaloosa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Henry; her brother, Dick Riley; and three great-granddaughters: Hannah and Alexandra Muilenberg, and Halia Dietz Callahan.

Gail will be missed by her friends and family who will always cherish the memories she made in her lifetime.