

(Clarence)

Hazel M. Brau

Hazel M. Brau, 85, of Oskaloosa died Jan. 23, 2000 at Ottumwa Regional Health Center.

Funeral services were Jan. 26 at Grace Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa with the Rev. Roger Neumann officiating. Burial was in Guernsey Cemetery.

Mrs. Brau was born Sept. 19, 1914 near Mystic, the daughter of James and Mattie Hurd Maxwell. She attended grade school at Thornburg and graduated from Guernsey High School with the Class of 1932.

On Sept. 29, 1940, she married Clarence C. Brau in Nashua. Following their marriage, the Braus lived near Montezuma, where she was a homemaker and helped on their farm. In 1960, they moved to Oskaloosa, and she worked at Big Smith, Inc. for 22 years, retiring in 1976.

Mrs. Brau was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Montezuma and most recently was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa.

She was a charter member of the Deep River-Montezuma Trail Riders Saddle Club. She and her husband also operated Brau Pony Rides concessions at fairs and retail promotions for many years. She enjoyed showing her ponies and trail-riding well into her 80s.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 2, 1975, her parents, a brother, Robert Maxwell; a sister-in-law, Frances Maxwell and two brothers-in-law, Albert Leer and R. J. Bowman.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Wilma Bran of Clarinda, and Joyce and Jerry Parizek of Council Hill, Okla.; a grandson, Winston Parizek; two sisters, Ellen Leer of Keswick and Terry Bowman of Grinnell; two sisters-in-law, Gesina Crum of Oskaloosa and Rosaline Brau of Grinnell and a brother in law, Donald Brau of Guernsey.

A memorial has been established in her name and may be directed to the Bates Funeral Chapel, Box 207, Oskaloosa, 52577.

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