Helen D. Gause

Helen D. Gause, 100, formerly of Lynnville, died Friday, May 14, 2010, at Park Centre in Newton.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 26, at 11 a.m. at Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton. Friends may call at the funeral home one hour prior to the service when family members will be present. Memorials may be made to the Lynnville Historical Society or to Hospice of Jasper County.

She was born April 26, 1910, in Monroe. She graduated from Monroe High School and received a teaching certificate from William Penn College in Oskaloosa. She was united in marriage with Lester H. Gause in 1930; he died in a farming accident in 1938. In 1940, she was united in marriage with Lory W. Gause.

She was a long-time resident of Lynnville where she was active in many of her children's school events. She was a charter member of the Lynnville Women's Club and held several offices in the Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.). She moved to Newton on 1994 where she became a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Jasper County Historical Society.

She is survived by three daughters, Nancy Barnhouse of Vero Beach, Fla., Jeanne Mays of Pittsboro, N.C. (who subsequently died on June 15), and Joan Ales of Davenport; three sons, Lester Gause of Newton, Bryce Gause of Lynnville, and Russell Gause of Houston, Texas; 16 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and her sister Eva Michels of Ventura, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Lester; her husband, Lory; her son Charles; four brothers Keith, Carl, Paul and Dale McConeghey, and three sisters, Cecile Terpstra, Mabel Van Haaften and Ruth Vande Kleft.