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The daughter of John and Effie Toles McKee, she was born Dec. 29, 1920, in rural Poweshiek County and raised there. On Jan. 11, 1941, she was united in marriage with John Cecil Agnew in Lancaster, Mo. They moved to Newton in 1953.

She was a homemaker and worked in housekeeping at Grinnell College, and was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Ewart. She also enjoyed playing cards with friends, going to the casino and going out to eat with relatives.

She is survived by one son, James Lee Agnew of Newton; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Inez Wells of Newton and Nina Current of Montezuma; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband John in 1988; and her daughter Ruth Stevens in 1989.