Clarine M. Stoker Killam



Clarine M. Stoker Killam, 96, formerly of this area, died Monday, June 8, 2020, at Glen Oaks Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Urbandale.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 13, at McLaren's Chapel with burial at Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines. In lieu of flowers, 6H-18-2020

memorials may be made in her name to the Greater Iowa Chapter-Alzheimer's Association.

Clarine was born on April 22, 1924, in Victor, Iowa, to George and Edith Cheney Stoker. She married her husband, Edward Killam, in July 1949, and retired from Farmland Insurance Company in Des Moines in 1987. Together they lived in Des Moines, with their retirement winters spent in Arizona. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing cards, and spending time with her family and grand and great-grandchildren.

Clarine is survived by her daughter Jan Belken of Des Moines and sons Gary Killam of Glendale, Ariz., and Tom Killam of Chicago; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her siblings Helen Bakkie, Russell Stoker, Doris Anderson, Mildred Graham, Marvin Stoker, Donald Stoker, and Robert Stoker; along with many nieces and nephews and an honorary grand-dog, Dugan.

Clarine was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and her siblings Melvin Stoker, Rose Marie Holman and Wilma Ziegenmeyer.