

Gloria (Bealler) Brannian, 78

Gloria Bealler Brannian, 78, Brooklyn, died Tuesday, June 25, in University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Interment followed in Harmony Cemetery, rural Brooklyn. Honorary casket-bearers were Willis Montgomery, Robert Little, Miles Clayton and Gerald Byerly. Casket-bearers were Paul Stetzel, George Cline, John Clayton, Kurt Brannian, Rich Carmichael and Gary Kriegel. As Gloria had a life-long interest in education, a Hunter College educational memorial in her name has been established at Box 140, Brooklyn, IA 52211.

Gloria Bealler was born December 1, 1923 in New York City, N.Y., the daughter of Sam Bealler (Bialystok) and Tillie (Paritzky) Bealler. At the age of 19 she was graduated from prestigious Hunter College, New York City, N.Y., with an emphasis in chemistry and home economics. She worked during World War II as an electronic equipment tester and while serving at her local USO as a volunteer hostess, met Keith Elliott Brannian, the son of Ross and Elsie (Elliott) Brannian, all of Brooklyn. They were married September 6, 1947. She taught in the Hartwick Public School System, Harwick. Keith and Gloria farmed their Bear Creek Township land for over 50 years.

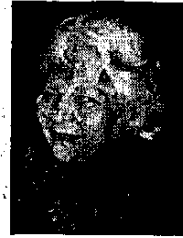
Gloria was a member of the River Road Club, Columbian Club, and American Legion Auxiliary. She also served on the

Poweshiek County Soil Conservation Board, numerous years on the Brooklyn Public Library Board, and the Poweshiek County Council on Aging, and was leader of 4-H, Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts.

She enjoyed sewing, reading, poetry, puzzles, crafts, shopping and traveled extensively. She especially enjoyed watching her granddaughter Riley's dance performances.

Survivors include: her husband, Keith; daughters Terry Brannian, Iowa City, and Rochelle Brannian, Iowa City; granddaughter, Riley Brannian, Iowa City; sons Allen Brannian and his wife, Mary, of Malcom, and Sam Brannian, Coralville; brothers-in-law, Don Brannian, Brooklyn, and Kenneth Brannian and wife, Esther, Brooklyn; nieces, Jeanne Brannian Clayton and Kim Brannian Bauman, Brooklyn; and nephews, Kurt Brannian, Brooklyn, Nolan Altman, Oceanside, N.Y., and Howard Altman, Newton, Pa.; very special friend, Dean Smith, Iowa City; two step-grandchildren, Krystal Sanders and Kendrick Hoth; and one step great-grandson Jacob Sanders.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Martha Bealler Altman and her husband, Murray, New York City, N.Y.



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