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Zelma B. Grabill, 93 HARLAN — Zelma Blair Grabill, daughter of Thomas and Martha Jividen Blair was born Aug. 24, 1893 at Onawa. She was raised and educated at Thurston and Emerson, NE. Her first husband was Albert Carper and to this union one son was born.

On Sept. 23, 1914, she married William Grabill at Sioux City and this union two children were born. For many years, she hung wall paper and was employed at the Saylor Hotel Coffee Shop. She died April 10, 1987 at the Baptist Memorial Home, where she had been a resident for the past ten years at age 93 years, 7 months and 16 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William in 1969 and two sisters, Imogene Carper and Gladys Gates. Survivors include two sons, Ivan Carper of Monett, MO. and Wayne Grabill of Grand Island, NE. and one daughter, Lucille, Mrs Howard Ruth of Harlan. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were April 13, 1987 at the Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Don Schoepf, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Kent Grabill, Lynn Grabill, Dennis Carper, Steve Nielsen, Robert Jorgensen and William McDowell Jr., serving as casketbearers.