

## Pearl O. Blair, 91

**IRWIN** – Pearl, daughter of George and Ellen Coleman McConnell, was born March 3, 1898 near Botna. She graduated with Irwin High School class of 1915 and then attended teacher's college at Cedar Falls. She taught country school in the Botna and Irwin areas.

On Dec. 4, 1919, she married Alvin Blair. Three children, Gene, Robert and Marjorie, were born to this union. They made their home in Irwin where Alvin was a veterinarian. He died in 1968 and she continued to make her home in Irwin until moving to Manilla Manor Nursing Home on Dec. 1, 1988. She had been in failing health and died at Myrtue Hospital on Nov. 2, 1989 at age 91 years, 7 months and 30 days.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Raymond McConnell. She is survived by two sons, Dr. Gene Blair of Irwin and Robert Blair of Des Moines; by a daughter, Marjorie (Robert) Langbehn of Des Moines; by eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; by a sister, Iva Sharp of Troy, KS., by a sister-in-law, Agnes McConnell of Manilla and by other relatives.

She was an active member of the Church of Christ in Irwin and was a member of the ladies church organizations. She also served as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since WW I.

Funeral services were Nov. 6, 1989 at the Church of Christ in Irwin with Rev. Jeff Hicks, officiating. Casketbearers were Robert Blair, Wendele Maysent, Joe Oswald, Douglas Langbehn, Mark Moon and Howard Mickelson. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin.