

Velma Oakes, 98

Oct. 20, 1909 - Nov. 17, 2007

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Velma A. Oakes was born Oct. 20, 1909, in Denison, to the late Richard T. and Janet (Munro) Laird. She was a cook at J.L. Brandeis for 20 years retiring in 1975. Velma was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Omaha. She died Nov. 17, 2007 at age 98.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Leland F. Oakes, in 1997 and son, William Schoening, in 1991. She is survived by her daughter, Beverly Seyler of Council Bluffs; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2007 at Grace United Methodist Church in Omaha, with Pastor Alberto Silva officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. —