

Nita W. Brickman, of Lincoln, and formerly of Quincy and Kirksville, Missouri passed from this life to a better one on at one o'clock pm., Sunday, Aug. 22, 2010 in Lincoln. She was born February 22, 1915 in Helena, Missouri, a daughter of Louis B. Swearingen and Lillian Mae (Strothman) Swearingen. She married Roy F. Brickman February 4, 1934, in St. Charles, Missouri. He died February 12, 1991.

She was one of seven children. When her mother died in 1919, Louis was unable to care for the younger children so a cousin, Vita, and husband Leslie Mosena raised her as their own child. She referred to them as mother and father and their son Melbourne as brother and she adopted the surname Mosena.

Nita attended schools in Burlington, Keokuk and Fairfield, Iowa, and was a 1932 graduate of Quincy Senior High School where she received honorable mention for graduation honors she would otherwise have received if she had completed all of her work at QHS. Primarily a homemaker, she worked after high school at the S.S. Kresge Dollar Store for several years and in the late 1950s and early 1960s she was bookkeeper for McLaughlin Auto Supply in Quincy. She and Roy were active with the Loyal Order of Moose in Kirksville. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln and a former member of Salem UCC in Quincy. She loved to tend her roses, feed her birds and enjoyed her role as matriarch at family gatherings. Among the many gifts she shared with her family and friends was her great sense of humor. She learned to drive at age seventy-six so that she could conduct her business and take care of her mother.

She is survived by a son, Ken, and his wife, Darlene, of Des Moines, Iowa; a daughter, Leslie, and husband Jim Wilmert, of Lincoln; grandchildren Heather Brickman and husband Bradley Sullivan, of Jupiter, Florida; David Wilmert and wife Cari, of Lincoln; Darin Wilmert and wife Larisa of San Diego, California; Erik Brickman and wife Valorie of Des Moines; Melissa Wilmert of Bloomington, and Meredith Wilmert of Champaign; nine great-grandchildren, Alexander Sullivan and Clara Sullivan of Jupiter Florida; Piper Brickman and Madisen Ekman, of Des Moines; Quinn and Max Lilligren and Reagan Wilmert of San Diego; and Logan and Jacqueline Keysear of Lincoln and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her surrogate parents, brothers Russell, Tracy, Clifford and Roland Swearingen and Mel Mosena, and sisters Vivian (Avice) Lechner and Bernice Swearingen.

Visitation will be Friday, August 27 from 7 until 8:30 pm. at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home. Services will be held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, August 28 at 10:30 am. with visitation beginning an hour before. Interment will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Friendship Manor, or St. Clara's Manor activity fund.