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Ruth Piper, daughter of Sam and Anna Miles Knauss was born April 19, 1900 at Defiance. She graduated from the Defiance high school and in 1919 moved to Co. Bluffs where she was employed for the Northwestern Telephone Co.

On April 18, 1928, she married Roy Piper at Co. Bluffs. In 1935 they moved to Irwin where she was a telephone operator and later moved to Harlan in 1948 where she continued with the United Telephone Co., until her retirement in 1961. She was a member of the Harlan Christian church. In 1982 she moved to Omaha to live with her daughter and has been a resident of the Maplecrest care center in Omaha for the past three years where she died Jan. 5, 1987 at age 86 years, 8 months and 16 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy and in 1935, brother, George Knauss and two sisters, Velma Hunter and Verna Halterman. Survivors include her son, David of Harlowton, MT.; daughter, Marilyn Piper of Omaha; brother, Sam Knauss of Mesa, AZ.; and two sisters, Gladys Wickersham of Perry and Mae Carroll of Omaha. She is also survived by two grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 1987 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Don Schoepf, officiating. Burial was in the Cedar Lawn cemetery, Co. Bluffs.