Thelma E. Hanssen, 86

Mrs. Thelma E. Hanssen, 86, of Grinnell, and formerly of Malcom, died Monday, Dec. 2, at St. Francis Manor, Grinnell.

Her funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 6, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Herb Knudsen, pastor of the church, officiating. DF 12-4, 2002

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A complete obituary will be published in the next edition of the Chronicle.

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Casket bearers were Gene Gritsch, Don Ahrens, Clair Hutchison, Steve Hansen, Randy Hansen and Denny Harris. Burial will be in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral home beginning at 12 noon on Thursday. The family will be present from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Memorial cards may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery Association.

She was born Feb. 6, 1916, in Sheridan Township to Edward and Martha Adele Neville Baustian. She was raised in Sheridan Township and attended rural school. In 1933 she graduated from Malcom High School and later attended the Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls. She taught rural school in Sheridan Township and in the Malcom School system. Mrs. Hanssen worked for Grinnell College and, for many years, as a cashier for the former Poweshiek County National Bank. She retired in 1978.

She was married to Walter Hanssen in Malcom on Oct. 27, 1951. The couple lived in the Malcom area and operated a grain and livestock farm. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Malcom Study Club.

She is survived by one brother, George Baustian of Malcom; and two nieces, Denise Baustian of Grinnell and Char Weuve of Cedar Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister, Muriel Baustian.

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