

Grace "Bette" Olson, 90

Mrs. Grace "Bette" Olson, 90, of Brooklyn, died Friday, August 8, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

Funeral services for Bette Olson were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Bode. The Rev. Paul Breddin and Dr. Jennifer Edinger officiated. The musician was Orlys Maassen, and the soloist was Dave Halstrud. Honorary casketbearers were Jim Horan, Chuck Crispin, Harry Currier and Jerry Currier. Casketbearers were Rick Michel, Jason Kissinger, Scott Maurer, Tom Olson, Steve Olson and Jeff Olson. Interment was in St. Olaf Cemetery, Bode.

A prayer service was held at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home with the Rev. David Rogula officiating.

Grace "Bette" Elizabeth (Gardner) Olson, daughter of Bert R. Gardner and Edith Evans Gardner, was born September 10, 1912, at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Mrs. Olson graduated from Gowrie High School in 1931 and attended Iowa Business College in Des Moines. Bette then worked as a bookkeeper. She married Ronald M. Olson on November 25,

1940, at Gilman. They made their home at Bode where Bette was a homemaker. They were the parents of three daughters, Susan, Jane and Mary.

Bette moved to Brooklyn in 1985 following the death of her husband.

She was a member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church of Bode, St. Olaf Ladies Aid and the American Legion Auxiliary. For many years, Bette wrote for the Humboldt and Algona newspapers. She loved flowers and took care of the flowers at St. Olaf Lutheran Church for thirty-five years.

Surviving are her daughters, Susan Michel and husband, Gerald, of Central City, Jane Maurer of Bradenton, Florida, and Mary Kissinger and husband, Dennis of Brooklyn; five grandchildren, Kristen Horan, Rick Michel, Scott Maurer, Jason Kissinger and Mindy Kissinger; and nine great-grandchildren, Nickolas Smith, Matthew Horan, Jonathan Horan, Mollie, Emily and Bailey Michel, and Morgan, Monica, and Ashlee Maurer.

Her parents; her husband, Ronnie; a sister Florabelle Currier; a brother Frank Gardner; and three grandchildren, Karmen Wigans Smith, Kari Michel and Sean Maurer, preceded her in death.

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