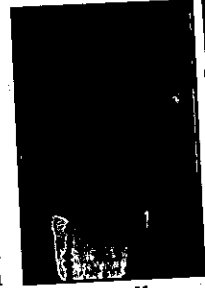


## Clara Ranfeld, 95

Clara Ranfeld, 95, of Montezuma passed away Monday, Feb. 28, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 2, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. Burial will be in the Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma. Memorials may be directed to the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at [www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com](http://www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com).



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Clara Maria Sophia Ranfeld, 95, daughter of John and Anna (Sticht) Schlesselman, was born on Sept. 30, 1916 in Lincoln Township, near Victor. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Victor. She was a charter member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. In 1935, she was married to Cloyd Johnston. To this union one son was born, Harvey Johnston. On Jan. 17, 1946, she was married to Mern Ranfeld. They farmed near Deep River and Montezuma until his death in 1987. She belonged to the LWML Ladies Aid, Busy Bees and Pleasant Ridge Clubs and enjoyed gardening, sewing, doll making and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Cloyd Johnston and Mern Ranfeld; her sons, Harvey Johnston and Larry Ranfeld; her daughter-in-law, Mabel Muck; and her brothers, Martin, Albert, Walter and Raymond Schlesselman.

She is survived by her children: Inez (Don) Scott of Brooklyn, Merna (Douglas) Duffus of Grinnell, Sylvia (Marvin) Waline of Brooklyn, Glenn and Donna (Ranfeld) Ratcliff of Newton, Melvin (Mary) Ranfeld of Deep River and Randy (Mary) Ranfeld of Montezuma; twelve grandchildren: Rick (Julie) Scott of Audubon, Randy (Kay) Scott of Tucson, Ariz., Julie (Matt) Ryan of Marengo, Kathy (Dustin) Langreck of Blairstown, Jane Waline of Victor, (friend, Mark Westphal of Millersburg), Karen (Michael Turczak) Buhr of Council Bluffs, Mark (Tammy) Ranfeld of Carlisle, Craig (Candace) Ranfeld of Grimes, Cheri (Doug Hayes) Ranfeld of Des Moines, Alicia (Eric) Hasley of Grinnell, Dianna (Jason) Bryan of Jefferson and Rachel Ranfeld (friend Tommy Posey) of Montezuma; fifteen great-grandchildren: Megan and Ryan Scott, Logan and Hayden Scott, Amanda, Max and Colette Franks, Luke, Grace and Hannah Ryan, Emily Waline, Noah Buhr, Raegan Ranfeld, Miguel Ranfeld, Ethan Hasley, and many friends and relatives.