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Her funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 4, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home. Burial was at the Jackson Township Cemetery.

Vera Alberta Urfer, daughter of Elmer and Clara (Lacaeyse) Peterson was born Dec. 25, 1919, in Montezuma. She graduated from Montezuma School and Iowa Teachers College. After graduation, she taught at country schools in the Montezuma area for eight years. Vera worked at the Montezuma Nursing Home for 14 years as a cook. She also worked out of the old telephone office in Malcom organizing programs for Poweshiek, Benton and Iowa counties in a group known as B.I.P.T. Vera helped organize the employment office in Grinnell while teaching fifth grade Sunday school and helping with Bible study.

On May 30, 1946, she was united in marriage to Elmer Urfer at the Methodist Church in Montezuma. To this union four children were born, Sam, Ron, Don and Jim. Vera enjoyed gardening, cooking, working at the Flag Store in Brooklyn, helping with Meals on Wheels, working at the voters table on election day and most importantly her family. She belonged to the Methodist Church serving as a Women's President, Midway Grange No. 2189, Poweshiek County Coordinator of O.E.O., 50 Plus Club and Ladies Neighborhood Club.

Her memory is honored by four sons, Sam (Peggy) Urfer of Moscow Mills, Mo., Ron (Nancy) Urfer of Montezuma, Don Urfer of Grinnell and Jim (Gina) Urfer of Malcom; a sister, Bette Allen of Montezuma; 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her parents, Elmer and Clara Peterson and her brother, Melvin Peterson.

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