

## GRACE ARLENE MASON

Grace Mason, 90 of New Sharon, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 16, 2014, at her home in New Sharon. Funeral services were Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the New Sharon United Methodist



Church in New Sharon. Burial was in the Barnes City Cemetery in Barnes City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Sharon United Methodist Church, Barnes City United Methodist Church, Barnes City American Legion Auxiliary or Grinnell Regional Hospice. Friends

may sign the online guestbook at [www.holland-coblefuneralhomes.com](http://www.holland-coblefuneralhomes.com). Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Grace Arlene Mason, the daughter of Hiram and Fern (Lockard) Walker, was born near Barnes City Iowa on June 16, 1923. She attended Lowe Country School and Barnes City Consolidated School. In 1938, Grace moved with her family to Montezuma where she graduated with the class of 1940. On November 16, 1941, Grace was united in marriage to Norman Mason. To this union two children were born, Jerry and Janet. Norman was in the service, and when he was honorably discharged, they settled in Barnes City. Grace was a homemaker, and in 1962, she started working for the U.S. Postal Service in Barnes City. In 1974, Norman and Grace moved to Perry, where she was a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in Perry. Grace and Norman retired in 1983, and they moved to New Sharon. Grace enjoyed planting, taking care of her flowers and spending time with her family and friends. They also enjoyed camping at the Iowa State Fair for 54 consecutive years, and wintering in Texas. Grace was a former member of the Barnes City United Methodist Church, a current member of the New Sharon United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church Women in Barnes City and New Sharon, a charter member of the Fuller Sarvis American Legion Auxiliary Unit #507 for over 65 years, Vantastics Kitchen Band and the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her son, Jerry (Clare) Mason of New Sharon; her daughter, Janet (David) Pinkerton of New Sharon; her six grandchildren, Robert Mason, Richelle (Mark) Swope, Richard (Katrina) Mason, Hannah (Coy) McLaughlin, Kyle (Leah) Pinkerton and Joel Pinkerton; 11 great-grandchildren, Caelan Swope, Devon Swope, Kari Mason, Rowan Mason, Rand Mason, Luke McLaughlin, Emry McLaughlin Bode, McLaughlin, Alivia Pinkerton, Asher Pinkerton and Avery Pinkerton; three sisters, Nora (Lee) Reece, of Cedar Rapids, Esther Richards of Grinnell and Verna Bolibough of Beacon; one brother, Dean (Joyce) Walker of Hiawatha; several brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Grace is preceded by her parents; her husband, Norman Mason; four brothers, Melvin, Venzel and two brothers in infancy; one sister, Oma Leopard.

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