Marie Peterson, age 103, of Grinnell and formerly of Gilman, died on Sunday, November 23, 2014, at Windsor Manor in Grinnell.

A celebration of her life was held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor John Epperson officiating. The organist was Janice Everts. Pallbearers were her grandchildren: Mike Peterson, Brad Peterson, Scott Peterson, Brandon Peterson, Harry Landas, Cliff White and Lisa Peterson. Honorary bearers were all of her granddaughters. Interment will be at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman.

Visitation was held prior to her service beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be designated to Windsor Manor or to the Gilman American Legion Auxiliary, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Rebecca Marie (Campbell) Peterson was born on the family farm east of Gilman on January 15, 1911, to Frank and Clara (Madland) Campbell. She was raised near Gilman and attended Gilman schools. She graduated from Gilman High School with the class of 1929.

She was united in marriage to Carl G. Peterson on March 20, 1931. The couple farmed around the Gilman area for years until they retired and moved to Gilman in 1983. They wintered in Carlsbad, California, for many years, where she enjoyed walking along the beach and going to swap meets and shopping.

Among Marie’s many interests were her huge flower and vegetable gardens, canning and preserving foods, sewing clothes, quilt-making, and embroidery work. Even after moving to town she maintained a garden until she was in her 90s and no longer able to maintain it. One of her great loves was reading. She was a wonderful cook and hosted many family gatherings.

She was a member of the Gilman Community Church Guild and was active in several clubs when they formed. She enjoyed basketball and never missed one of her children’s games. In later years, she enjoyed watching the Iowa Hawkeyes basketball games on TV.

Marie is survived by her four children: Edgar (Belva) Peterson of Guthrie Center, Roger (Dorothy) Peterson of Grinnell, Carol Sandberg of Lincoln, NE; and Marilyn (Bob) Postal of Carlsbad, CA; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 9 great great grandchildren; sister, Irene Edgeton of Grinnell; and sister-in-law, Loretta Campbell of Marshalltown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Ciara (Madland) Campbell; husband, Carl Peterson; son, Robert Peterson and his wife JoAnn; and four brothers, Charles, Dick, Dale and Delbert Campbell.

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