

Augusta Pederson



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Augusta Pederson, 100, of Grinnell died Thursday, March 10, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 15, at United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Casket bearers will be Kirsten Fisher, Colette Wilson, Candace Carmichael, Marcia Herwehe, Eric Pederson, Greg Kaisand, Roald Pederson, Kirk Pederson, Dana Pederson and Heidi Pederson. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials maybe made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or the United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 19, 1904, near Grinnell to Theodore and Addie Lamb Mehlin. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. She was married on Nov. 1, 1922, to Leonard Ole Emmanuel Pederson in Newton. She helped her husband on the farm while raising three children. After many years of farming, they

moved into Grinnell where she worked for several years at a bakery. She was talented in many areas, including baking, cooking and quilting and was known for her Swedish tea-ring, hickory-nut cakes and for serving her family lutefisk with all the trimmings, passed down from her husband's Norwegian heritage. She had pieced and quilted at her grandmother's knee from early childhood and all her children, grandchildren and others were beneficiaries of her skill.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Chester Royal Grange, and the Merry-Go-Round Club. She and her husband took many fishing trips to Minnesota and Canada with family members and friends, and also wintered in Texas for many years.

She is survived by two sons, Don Pederson and Roger Pederson and one daughter Norma Kaisand, all of Grinnell; ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and her brother Wayne Mehlin of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Leonard Pederson Jr.; one sister Lina Mehlin and four brothers, Leslie, Reno, Ray and Charles Mehlin.