Margaret Castner, 89, Oregon

Margaret Castner, 89, formerly of Lynville and New Sharon, passed away April 4, 2007 at the Lebanon Rehab & Specialty Care Center in Lebanon, Oregon. Cremation has been accorded and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., April 14, at the Lynville Friends Church with Pastor Pete Schuler officiating. A private family committal service will be held prior to the service at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the New Sharon Presbyterian Church or to the New Sharon Fire & Ambulance Unit. Harden Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Castner, daughter of George Sr. and Kathryn Muschol Polka was born on Nov. 7, 1917 near Eddyville. She was a 1936 graduate of New Sharon High School. On Dec. 17, 1938, Margaret was united in marriage to Everett Van Gnderen in Grinnell. He preceded her in death on May 2, 1964. She had lived in Lynville for many years before moving to New Sharon in 1970. Margaret was united in marriage to Carroll Castner in 1970 in Grinnell. He preceded her in death in 1980.

Margaret was a member of the New Sharon Presbyterian Church, had worked as a housekeeper at the New Sharon Care Center for 14 years and was also a cook at a restaurant in Grinnell for several years.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Beverly Franklin of Brownsville, OR; her son, Ronald Van Gnderen of Clovis, CA; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a step-son, Stanley Castner; and two step-daughters, Kathy Hicklin and Karen Boyd.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; an infant daughter, Esther; three brothers, George, Jr., John and Frank; and her six sisters, Agnes in infancy, Elizabeth Stevens, Anna “Babe” Davis, Helen Stephens, Rosie Knupp and Mary Rhine.
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In addition to her two husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, George Jr., John and Frank; and six sisters, Agnes (in infancy), Elizabeth Stevens, Anna "Babe" Davis, Helen Stephens, Rosie Knupp and Mary Rhine.

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