Elma M. Maxon

Elma M. Maxon, 82, of Grinnell, formerly of Clarion, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A graveside service was held Monday, Aug. 6, at Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion with the Rev. Don Morrison, pastor of the Clarion United Methodist Church, officiating. Family members received friends for lunch at the United Methodist Church in Clarion following the graveside service. A memorial fund has been established in her name and gifts may be sent to Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112.

She was born Sept. 1, 1924, on the family farm near Clarion to Salmer and Eda Jordanger Anderson. She attended rural school, then graduated from Clarion High School with the class of 1942. Following her education, she worked for the Rural Electric Cooperative. She was married on July 29, 1945, to Lawrence Maxon in Clarion. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm in the Clarion area. They later moved into Clarion and owned and operated the Clarion movie theater from 1977 to 1999. Mrs. Maxon moved to Mayflower in the fall of 1999.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Democratic party and Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star. She formerly was involved with 4-H, the Warburg College parents’ committee and was a poll official for local elections.

She is survived by one daughter, Patricia Larson of Grinnell; one son Larry Maxon of Grinnell; two granddaughters, and two great granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister Adeline Marcene Anderson and one brother Orval Anderson.