

Vera Urfer

Vera Urfer, 88, of Malcom died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, at the Mayflower Community in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 4, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in



Montezuma. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Mayflower South Village for craft activity; the Montezuma Fire Department or the Montezuma United Methodist Church. Friends may send condolences or sign the on-line guest book at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com.

The daughter of Elmer and Clara Lacaeyse Peterson, Vera Alberta Peterson was born Dec. 25, 1919, in Montezuma. She graduated from Montezuma High School and Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. Following graduation, she taught in rural schools in the Montezuma area for eight years. She later worked at the Montezuma Nursing Home for 14 years as a cook. She also worked out of the former telephone office in Malcom organizing programs for Poweshiek, Benton and Iowa Counties in a group known as BIPT. She then helped organize the employment office in Grinnell while teaching fifth-grade Sunday school and helping with Bible study.

On May 30, 1946, she was united in marriage with Elmer Urfer at the Methodist Church in Montezuma. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and working at the flag store in Brooklyn as well as helping with Meals on Wheels; working at the voters' table on election day and, most importantly, her family. She belonged to the Methodist Church including serving as president of its women's group; Midway Grange No. 2189; Poweshiek County coordinator of OEO; 50-Plus Club, and Ladies Neighborhood Club.

She is survived by four sons, Sam Urfer of Moscow Mills, Mo.; Ron Urfer of Montezuma; Don Urfer of Grinnell and Jim Urfer of Malcom; one sister, Bette Allen of Montezuma; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her parents, Elmer and Clara Peterson, and her brother Melvin Peterson. **GH 8/4/08**