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## Geneva Byers, 94

May 27, 1998

(Thomas SD)

Linnie Geneva Byers, 94, died Monday afternoon, May 18, 1998 at the Mayflower Health Center in Grinnell, Iowa.

Her funeral was May 23, 1998 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with Richard David and Rollin Mader officiating.

Soloist Dewaine Braasch and organist Marlene Plesek performed "Does Jesus Care" and "Speak To The Lord."

Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Tom Byers, Cynthia Byers Retherford, Dalton Byers, David Byers, Michelle Byers Garoutte, Lynette deBoer and Lyndon Byers.

Interment was at the Masonic-IOOF Cemetery in Montezuma and the ceremony included the hymn, "Savior With Me."

Geneva was born in Weldon, Ill. on December 6, 1903 to Sexton Pearson and Clara Fielder Pearson. During her early years, her family moved to Kentucky

where she spent part of her youth.

On January 30, 1929, she and Thomas David Byers were married. The couple had three sons. Geneva lived on a farm near Montezuma all of her married life.

In 1931, she accepted the Christian faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, John and Ballard and three sisters, Doris, Phyllis and Bessie.

She is survived by three sons and their families, Gerald and Darlene Byers of Council Bluffs, Gordon and Lorraine Byers of Eagan, Minn. and Burt and Dixie Byers of Amana; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one brother, Harry Pearson of Port Angeles, Wash.; three sisters, Irene Sanders of Grinnell, Adra Sangerman of Grinnell and Muriel Rank of Tama, other relatives and many friends.