

Clara F. Foster 130
February 7, 2001

Mrs. Clara F. Foster, 86, of Grinnell, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Mayflower Health Care Center, Grinnell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Foster were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Malcom, Ia. Pastor Herb Knudten officiated.

The organist was Teresa Ziegenmeyer and the soloist was Bill Surburg. The soloist sang the songs, "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art," and taped version of "If You Could See Me Now" was played.

Casket-bearers were Rick Foster, Jeff Barnes, Mike Foster, Joel Vanderleest, Greg Foster and Allen Diehm. Honorary casket-bearers were Jim Vanderveer, Dan Diehm and Joe Diehm. Interment was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, near Malcom.

The daughter of John Andrew and Clara Weber Diehm, Clara was born Nov. 18, 1914, in rural Poweshiek County, near Malcom. She was raised in the area and received her education in the Grinnell School District.

Clara was married to Lester Charles Foster on Oct. 13, 1934, in Newton. The couple farmed for several years near Brooklyn, Guernsey and later Deep River. In 1943, the couple moved to their present farm in Sheridan Township. She moved to Grinnell in 1994 and most recently had been a resident of Mayflower. Clara was a member of the Trinity Lutheran church, north of Malcom.

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Survivors include two daughters, Doris R. Vanderleest and Janet M. Barnes, both of Grinnell; one son, James F. Foster of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lester in 1990; six brothers, Fred, Bert, Leonard, Art, Joe and Garland Dehm; and two sisters, Gussie Septer and Estella Vanderveer.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Church and/or to Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

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Memorial contributions may be directed to her church or to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

H.R. February 5, 2001