

Clara Meier (Arthue)

Clara Meier, 104 of Grinnell died Friday, Nov. 1, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Stephen Jasch, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Gary Jones of First Assembly of God Church in Des Moines officiating. Organist was Margaret Amo.

Pallbearers were the Rev. Gary Jones, Rod Jones, Don Smith, Charles Rees, Rick Anderson and Matthew Smith. Honorary bearers were Robert Anderson, Ralph Luchhen, Leon Mahlstedt, Jack Templeton and Raymond Vogt.

Burial was in Westfield Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Fred and Henrietta Von Hagen Krampe, she was born March 26, 1892, on the family farm east of Baxter. She received her education at a German school in Baxter.

She was married to Arthur Meier of State Center on Dec. 17, 1919. The couple farmed in Marshall and Jasper counties for several years and moved to Grinnell in 1940. Mrs. Meier was employed by Grinnell College and later worked as a babysitter for several Grinnell families. She had been a resident of Friendship Manor since January 1993.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Mary Martha Circle of the church. She also was a member of several clubs, including the Helping Hand Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Luella Weber of Marshalltown and Leora Jones of Grinnell; four grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one son, Edwin.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.