

Vera M. Peterson, 89



Vera May Peterson passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Her funeral service was Monday, April 12, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. Burr Bry-

ant, of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Casket bearers were Bill Anderson, Mark Anderson, Brian Peck, Keith Johnson and Brett Mowrey.

Vera May Peterson was born May 1, 1914, in Deep River, to John William and Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Johnston. She worked at the Iowa State House in the Secretary of State's office during the

1930s after attending Chilicothe Business School in Missouri. Vera married Donald Joseph Peterson on April 27, 1937. Together, they farmed northwest of Montezuma and raised four children. She was a talented seamstress and homemaker and was a member of local social and service organizations. She was also a long-time member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Jack Peterson of Kansas City, Mo., and Bill Peterson (Judy) of Plano, Texas; and two daughters, Mary (Bill) Anderson of Waukee, and Ann (Keith) Johnson of Rose Hill. She had five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Montezuma United Methodist Church or the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

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