

Arlene F. Petersen 6H-R 7-21-2014
 Arlene F. Petersen, 88, of DeWitt and formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, July 12, 2014, in DeWitt, Iowa. A memorial visitation will be held at a later date at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, at Smith Funeral Home from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A private family interment will be held at the Chester Cemetery near Grinnell. The family will receive relatives and friends from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Brookside South in Grinnell for a luncheon.

Memorials may be made to Camp Courageous, Westwing Place or Genesis Hospice.

Arlene was born on Dec. 18, 1925, in Custer County, Neb., to Jacob and Barbara Seng Sittler. She attended rural schools in Custer County, graduating in 1943. On Jan. 17, 1951, Arlene was united in marriage with Claris "Pete" Petersen in Hastings, Neb. The couple settled in Grinnell in 1967. While here, Arlene was employed as a cook at Grinnell General Hospital and St. Francis Manor. Following her husband's death in 2007, Arlene moved to DeWitt in May of 2013 to be near her family.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was a lifelong member of the Grinnell Grange. Arlene volunteered at Second Mile in Grinnell for many years, and she and her husband shared their time with many foster children over the years.

She is survived by her daughters Debra Petersen Adams of DeWitt and Cerena Withers of Salt Lake City, Utah; four grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Craft of Hastings.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Jim; and brothers Ed, Dick, Pat and Frank.

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