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Margaret Peak Harris, 96, of Grinnell died on Friday, August 3, 2007, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell following a lengthy illness.

A funeral service for Margaret Harris will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Grinnell Christian Church, with burial in the Chester Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at noon today (Monday); the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or tot he Newburg-Chester Congregational Church.

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A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Grinnell Christian Church with The Rev. Walt Claussen, pastor of Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, officiating. Organ music was by Kathleen McCune. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Debra Arment, Vickie Rutherford, Kim Morrison, David Harris, Michael Harris, Kristi Andriano, Shelley Wilson, William Yungclas and Marjorie Sue Yungclas. Honorary bearers were her great grandchildren, Justin and Corey Arment, Amber Lewis, Holli and Nicholas Rutherford, Brett and Blake Morrison, Clay, Macy and Leah Harris, Mathew, Maggie and Michael Andriano, Kayla,

Emma and Jack Wilson and Travis and Peyton Lewis. Burial was in Chester Cemetery, rural Grinnell. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to Newburg-Chester Congregational Church.

She was born Jan. 1, 1911, in Grinnell to James and Elizabeth Bennett Peak. She was raised in the Grinnell area, attended arral school and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1930. Following her education she taught at Rock Creek #5 School and Miller School near Kellogg. On June 3, 1934, she was married to Harvey Thomas Harris at her parents home near Gilman. The couple lived in Chester Township, rural Grinnell, where they operated a grain and livestock farm. She has resided at Seeland Park in Grinnell in recent years.

She was member of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church where she was a Sunday school teacher and a member of its Women's Fellowship. She also was a member of Sonora Grange, the Farm Bureau, Friendly Folks Club, Grinnell Hospital Auxiliary and a leader of Chester Stars 4-H Club. She enjoyed her grandchildren, baking cakes and pies, sewing and gardening.

She is survived by two sons, Henry Harris and Tom Harris, both of Grinnell; one daughter Barbara Yungclas of Ames; nine grandchildren;16 great grandchildren; two great grandchildren and one brother, John Peak of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one grandson William Thomas Harris; three brothers, James, Edward and Wlliam Peak, and two sisters, Mary Jane Dur Fetzer, and Rebina Edith Johnson.