Blanche Peterson, 98

Blanche Peterson, 98, of Victor, died on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, at the Belle Plaine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following a lengthy illness.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with Rev. Philip Ryan officiating. Verabeth Bricker was the organist. Burial was in the Smith Cemetery near Victor.

Blanche was born on June 4, 1909, in Hartford Township, Iowa County, to Henry and Rosa Bair Smith. She was raised in Victor and graduated from Victor High School in 1927. She also attended the University of Commerce in Des Moines.

On Aug. 13, 1937, she was married to Peter N. Peterson in South Dakota. The couple lived in Victor and she worked as a legal secretary and homemaker. Her hobbies included traveling, playing bridge, fishing and raising roses in her garden.

There were no immediate survivors.

Blanche was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, Boyd and Harvey Smith; and one sister, Mabel Smith.