

Carmen Peak 7/14/08

Carmen Peak, 90, of Grinnell died Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services for Carmen Peak are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with Pastor Thomas Lloyd, retired pastor of Westfield Community Church, officiating. Organist will be Mickey Pickens. Vocalists will include Patsy and Patricia Smith. Pallbearers will include Todd, Zachary and Darren Peak, Jonathan Elder, Kirk Rasmussen and Mike Brady; honorary bearers will include James, Donald and Melvin Pickett, Timothy Blount, Larry Dean Brown, Gary Gene Brown, Lenny Smith and Allan Moyer. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, July 18, at the Smith Funeral Home; the family will be present from 5 to 8 p.m. that evening.

Born May 24, 1918, at the family farm home near Cordova, Iowa, she was the daughter of Melvin and Minthia Burgraff Cooper. Before she was of school age, her family moved to Newton, where she received her education. She graduated with Newton High School's class of 1936.

On Sept. 28, 1940, she married James Peak at the Presbyterian Church in Newton. The couple farmed their entire lives in the Westfield Community, southwest of Grinnell.

She was a member of the Westfield Community Church, where she taught Sunday school classes and played the piano at Sunday service for many years. She was an active homemaker and her hobbies included sewing, crocheting, embroidery and quilting.

She is survived by two children, Geoffrey Peak of Grinnell and Betty Ehler of Kellogg; two sisters, Dorothy Pickett and Ruby Blount, both of Newton; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters, Thelma Brown and Irma Pickett.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or Grinnell Regional Hospice.