

Elsie Graham (ROBERT)

Elsie Graham, 92, of Clearview Manor in Prairie City, formerly of the Malcom area, died Monday, Jan. 2, at Des Moines General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and pallbearers were Kenneth King, John Luecht, Lonnie Strong, and David, Kenneth and Roger Steffen.

Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom. Contributions may be made to the Elsie J. Graham Memorial Fund.

The daughter of Karl Heinrich and August Marie Karsten Steffen, she was born Jan. 12, 1902, on the family farm in Iowa County. She was raised on farms in Iowa and Poweshiek counties and attended rural schools. Following her mother's death, she helped her father raise her brothers and sisters.

She was married to Robert Elvin Graham June 4, 1934, in Victor. They farmed for many years south of Malcom. In 1979 she moved to Good Life Retirement Community Homes in Norwalk and had recently lived at Clearview Manor.

She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church.

Surviving are one son, Gary of Grinnell; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a sister, Erna Strong of Brooklyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; six brothers, Heinrich, Otto, Arnold, Alfred, Harold and Melvin Steffen; and three sisters, Alma Luecht and Wanda and Lucia Steffen, who died in infancy.

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