

MR Jan. 6, 1999

Cleora Johnston, 89 (Leroy)

Cleora M. Johnston, 89, of New Sharon died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1998 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon with the Rev. Floyd Cooper officiating.

Interment followed at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Mrs. Johnston was born July 18, 1909 near Searsboro to James W. and Laura Edith Thomas Allen. She was raised in the Searsboro area and attended country school at Hickory Grove. Later, she attended Montezuma High School.

For many years, she provided home care for several families in the Montezuma area.

On Feb. 27, 1943, she was united in marriage to Leroy E. Johnston at the Presbyterian Church in Deep River. They farmed in that area for more than 30 years.

Upon their retirement in 1975, the couple moved to Oskaloosa where they lived until Mr. Johnston's death in 1981. In 1983, Mrs. Johnston moved to Prairie Homes of New Sharon. Mrs. Johnston had been a resident of the Montezuma care center since September of 1998.

She was a member of the Free Methodist Church of Oskaloosa. She enjoyed playing cards and board games, cooking and entertaining.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leroy; five brothers, Clitus, Orville, Ivyl, Afton and Cyril and a sister, Zola Edith Allen.

She is survived by a sister, Lenice Walsh of New Sharon, two sisters-in-law, Veda Allen of Grinnell and Mildred Allen of New Sharon; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial fund has been established at Prairie Homes of New Sharon.