

Rites Held

Mrs. Thelma B. Peterson, 56, the wife of Edwin M. Peterson of Rock Creek Lake, died Thursday morning at Grinnell General Hospital. 6/22/72

The daughter of I. R. and Beatrice Williams Johnson, she was born Nov. 5, 1915, at Columbus, Neb. She attended the public schools in Columbus and was graduated from Columbus High School with the class of 1933. She was married to Edwin M. Peterson Sept. 4, 1937, in Columbus. The couple had two sons, Eugene R. Peterson, Heyworth, Ill., and Donald E. Peterson of Tempe City, Calif., both of whom survive.

Mrs. Peterson was a member of the Methodist Church and was worthy matron of O.E.S. Chapter No. 13 at Columbus during 1950-51. She was associated with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Columbus for five years, prior to coming to Grinnell in 1957. She was chief operator for General Telephone Company of Iowa for the past 15 years.

Survivors include her mother; her husband; her two sons; two grandchildren, Steven and Denna Lyn Peterson of Heyworth, Ill.; and one brother, Donald I. Johnson of Sheridan, Wyo. She was preceded in death by her father and one sister, Dorris Johnson Bloomheart, who died April 23, 1959.

Funeral services for Thelma Peterson were held at 9 a.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ken DeWitt of Williamsburg officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers include R. J. Bowman, Dale Breckenridge, John Collins, Darwin Oordt, George Roe, and Howard Windsor. Burial was in the city cemetery at Columbus.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Peterson's name may be made to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home Children at Fremont, Neb.