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## Otilia Ramstad dies in Ithica

Otilia Ellerston Ramstad, 86, died on Sunday, June 18, in Ithica, N.Y. following a long illness. She was the widow of Otto Ramstad and the mother of the Rev. Philip Ramstad, pastor of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell.

Graveside services for Mrs. Ramstad were held at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minn., on Saturday morning, July 24. The Rev. Philip Ramstad officiated.

Born in Mayville, N.D., in 1889, she was the daughter of Even E. and Julia Husebye Ellerston. She moved with her family to Minneapolis in 1906 where her father started the Russell Grader Manufacturing Company, now part of the Caterpillar Tractor Co. He also started Pioneer Engineer Works, Inc.

A 1913 graduate of the University of Minnesota, she taught home economics before her marriage to Otto Ramstad, also a teacher. The couple moved to Poplar, Mont., then to St. Paul, Minn. and finally to Ithica, where Mr. Ramstad died in 1957.

She is survived by four sons: Dr. Paul E. Ramstad of New York City and Ithica, N.Y.; Ralph L. Ramstad of Minneapolis; Dean D. Ramstad of New York City; and the Rev. Philip Ramstad of Grinnell, seventeen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and four brothers.