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**FREELA RANK**

Funeral service was held for Freela Rank at Watts Funeral Home Sept. 22 with the Rev. Mary Margaret Thiel, United Church, Deep River, officiating.

Mrs. Verla Van Dee was organist.

Casket-bearers were Lynn Merck, Steve Wiley, David Schlesselman, Ray Schlesselman, John McCombs, Craig Hanchet, and Mark Dierenfeld.

Burial was in Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River.

Freela Lue Ann, daughter of Sam and Drucella Green Hicklin, was born March 18, 1904 at What Cheer and died Sept. 19, 1983 at the Senior Home in Montezuma at the age of 79 years.

She attended rural school and was graduated from Barnes City High School. On June 14, 1924, she was united in marriage with George Rank at Montezuma. To this union one daughter and three sons were born. She was a member of the 50 Plus Club and Hobby Club. They farmed southeast of Deep River.

Freela loved children and enjoyed babysitting. She especially enjoyed her friends. She enjoyed her hobbies and liked flowers. She loved to travel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Bernard Rank; a daughter-in-law, Lue Ann Rank and four brothers: Cleland, William, Warren and George Theo Hicklin.

Freela is survived by her husband, George of Deep River and their family: Ellen and her husband, Eugene Merck of Montezuma; Daryl Rank of Bellvue, Wash.; David Rank and his wife, Nancy of Newberry Park, Calif; and Lucille, Mrs. Bernard Rank of Cedar Rapids; 12 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; three brothers; Jim Hicklin of Woodbine, Dale Hicklin of Oskaloosa, and Cloyd Hicklin of Barnes City; two sisters: Wanda, Mrs. Vaughn Van Ben Thysen of Moravia, and Mrs. Ruby Ferrell of Las Vegas, Nev.