Margaret Sanders, 85 (RUSSELL)

Margaret Elinor Light Sanders, 85, of Deep River, died Sunday, July 5, 1998 at the Montezuma Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Services were Tuesday, July 7 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Pastor Boyd Sparks of the United Church in Deep River officiated.

Casket bearers were Kenneth Wallace, Joe Keller, Kenneth Keller, Robert VanZee, Marion VanDee and Michael Geiger.

Organ musical selections were "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Interment was in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River.

Margaret was born August 19. 1912 in Deep River, the daughter of James W. and Lettha (Hatter) Light. She graduated from Deep River High School and Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. She also studied at UCLA for one year.

She taught school in several Iowa communities, including Deep River.

In 1946, she was united in marriage with Russell Sanders. The couple lived

in Mount Pleasant, where they operated an electrical contracting business and the Iris Court Motel.

In 1979, Margaret retired and moved to Deep River, where she made her home with her sister-in-law, Betty Light.

The past four years, she has been a resident of the care center.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Philip and Paul Light.

Surviving her are two sisters-in-law, Ida Mae Light of Scotia, N.Y. and Betty Light of Deep River; three nieces, Virginia Hutton and Phyllis Ritter, both of New York and Linda Geiger and her husband, Richard of Deep River; one nephew, Jim Light of New York; five great-nieces and nephews, including Michael Geiger and family of Deep River and Richelle Adair and family of Bedford, Indiana; other relatives and many friends.

A memorial has been established.

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