

(Thomas) Virgil Marie Sanders

Mrs. Virgil M. Sanders, 89, of Grinnell died Nov. 26 at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center of congestive heart failure.

A prayer service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Daniel I. Ogata, pastor of the Malcom United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Memorials may be made to the Malcom United Presbyterian Church or to Heritage Park at the Poweshiek County fairgrounds and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 638, Grinnell.

She was born on March 27, 1906, on the family farm near Deep River, to William J. and Sarah J. Gauley McCaw. She was graduated from Deep River High School with the Class of 1925. Later, she attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids and Augustana College at Rock Island. Following her education, she taught rural schools in Poweshiek County.

On June 9, 1934, she was married to Thomas A. Sanders in Malcom. The couple lived at Malcom until 1937 when they moved to Grinnell. While living in Grinnell, the couple owned and operated Sanders Variety Store. They retired in 1969.

She was a member of the Malcom United Presbyterian Church, the Malcom Study Club, the Malcom Garden Club, and she was past worthy matron of the Beulah Chapter #47 of the Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by three nieces, Jean Johnson of Grinnell, Merlene Whisenand of Kelly and Margaret DeHart of Newton; two nephews, Jim Meldrem of Gilbert and Harold McCaw of Omaha.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and one brother, Lester McCaw.

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