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VanDraska services held

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Eleanor Martha VanDraska, 84, of 315 Main St., Grinnell, died at her home on Friday, July 4.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson of the Grinnell Christian Church officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Richard Bortell, Doyle Burkett, Neil Johnson, Frank LaGrange, Roy VanDraska Jr. and John Winchell. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. pg. 13

The daughter of Carl and Anna Jochims Petersen, she was born on Sept. 19, 1901, in Sheridan Township. She attended rural school.

On July 16, 1923, she was married to Arthur LeRoy VanDraska. The couple lived in Grinnell and she was employed at the former Swift and Co., the

Grinnell Canning factory, and for 15 years at the Grinnell Glove factory.

She is survived by six children, Richard of Grinnell, Ruth VanDraska of Dallas, Texas, Donna Meldrem of Grinnell, Shirley Tharp of Richardson, Texas, Helen O'Brien of Huntington Beach, Calif. and James of Grinnell; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four sisters, Katherine Dirksen of Willow Lake, S.D., and Clara Englehardt, Helena Doland and Paulena Claassen, all of DeSmet, S.D.; and two brothers, Lester and Walter Petersen, also of DeSmet.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1981; one son, Dale, who died in a Chinese prison camp during the Korean conflict; and two brothers, Arnold and Ernest Petersen.