Bessie Craig, 90

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Bessie Craig, 90, Groton, died at Colonial Manor, Groton, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1994.

Her funeral was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Groton, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994, with the Rev. William Duncan officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements. A prayer service was held at the chapel, Friday evening.

Bessie Constance Eikanas was born February 18, 1903 at Langford, to John O. and Sarah (Osness) Eikanas. She grew up in the Langford area and attended rural elementary school, graduating from Langford High School in 1922.

She married Clarence Craig at Aberdeen, October 29, 1925. They lived and farmed north of Groton. She was very active in the managing and working of the farm operation. She was instrumental in changing the laws for farm wives sharing ownership of the farm business. After the death of her husband in 1968, she moved into Groton, where she lived until becoming a resident of Colonial Manor, Groton, June 1988. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Groton; Presbyterian Women and served as a deacon for the church. She was a member of the ABC Bridge Club.

She is survived by two sons, Dayle Craig, Groton, and Douglas Craig, Claremont; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Zimney, Mrs. Orville (Donna) Bahr, both of Groton, and Mrs. Danny (Darlene) Biggs, Great Bend, Kan.; one sister, Mrs. Enga Huke, Watertown; 24 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one grandchild, four brothers, and two sisters.

Casketbearers were grandsons, Doug Bahr, Jim Bahr, Scott Craig, Lon Craig, Barry Zimney and Craig Biggs.

Organist was Marie Sternhagen and soloist was the Rev. William Duncan. Ushers were Wayne Quiggle and Clayton Sternhagen.