

Esther M. Peterson, 82

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Esther Marie Peterson, 92, lifelong Groton area resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1993 at the Colonial Manor, Groton.

The funeral was held Saturday, Nov. 20, 1993 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Anne Maldoon officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, Groton, S.D., with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Esther Marie Lilja was born April 15, 1901 to Otto and Essie (Olson) Lilja at Claremont.

She married Randall A. Peterson, November 21, 1921 at Langford. They lived many years on their farm four miles northeast of Groton in Riverside Township.

She was involved in many church activities, which included Augustana Lutheran Church, Claremont, and later Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. She was one of the founders and lifelong member of Riverside Ladies Aid. She also enjoyed being a member of the church's Kitchen Band.

Survivors include one son, Randall "Randy" Peterson Jr., Aberdeen; one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Marjorie) Mahan, Groton; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

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

Casketbearers were Dennis K. Larson, Alfred Tastad, Maurice Olson, Gerald Osterman, Alan Zoellner and Jay Howard.

Organist was Mrs. Douglas Doeden and soloist was Gregory Clocksene.

The ushers were Homer Mydland and Morris Spencer.

