

Elsie Drake, 94

Walnut — Elsie Edith Drake, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Willard Mertz was born May 2, 1887 near Lisle, Ill. The family later moved to Iowa and on June 14, 1905, she married John Z. Drake at the family home south of Walnut.

The couple farmed in the Walnut and Hancock vicinities until 1918, when they moved to Walnut. Mr Drake was assistant postmaster for several years, but died in 1942. In 1943 she made her home with her son-in-law and daughter Abner Undems in Shelby co.

She was a member of the First United Presbyterian church in Walnut; had served as Sunday school teacher; was active in United Presbyterian Women work; a member of her neighborhood social club; the Walnut Republican Women's club. She moved to Peace Haven Home in Walnut in 1976 and three years later to Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn where she died Friday, Feb. 26, 1962 at age 94 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Bertha Udem; her grandson, Dr. Dale Udem and wife Joan of Alexandria, Minn.; six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Arthur Mertz of Walnut and Daniel Mertz of Varina; a half sister, Mrs Edith Johnson of Early; a niece, Marcella Esbeck of Elk Horn and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters; Bertha and

Flossie; a half-sister, Ethel Walter; a step-brother, George Wehland, a step-sister, Catherine Wehland and a great-granddaughter, Cynthia Udem and son-in-law, Abner Udem.

Funeral services were held at the Walnut First United Presbyterian church on Monday, March 1, 1982, with the Rev. Harvey Beach officiating. Casketbearers were nephews Herbert Mertz, Wallace Drake, Don Walter, George Mertz, Robert Drake and Robert Walter. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery.

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Will Filed

DRAKE — Executor of the Dec. 31, 1976 will of Elsie E. Drake, deceased, is Bertha Helen Drake Udem of Walnut.