

Mary E. Zimmerman, 80

WALNUT — Mary Ellen Zimmerman, daughter of John and Martha Smith Paterson was born at Griswold, Dec. 10, 1906. The family moved to Omaha, when she was a child and she received her education there.

She married James Zimmerman Oct. 15, 1931, at Omaha, and they made their home on a farm south of Walnut until 1942, when they moved to a farm closer to Walnut. They had two children. In 1945 they moved into Walnut, where they were members of the First Presbyterian Church. She was manager of the Iowa Light And Power office for many years.

She moved to Peace Haven in Oct. 1985. She moved to Commerce City, CO in July, 1987 to be nearer her children. She died Nov. 9, 1987 at the Elm Haven care center in Thornton, CO, at age 80 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers: Ronald and Frank Paterson. Survivors are her children: James Zimmerman and Shirley (Mrs Bud) Thomson, both of Commerce City, CO; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers: Gordon Paterson of Oxford Mills, Canada; and Charley Paterson of Calgary, Canada and other relatives.

Services were held Nov. 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut with Rev. Harvey Beach, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Roderick Thomson, Richard Thomson, Rory Thomson, Wilbur Hubbard, Phil Madsen and Larry Madsen serving as casket bearers. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home, Walnut, was in charge of arrangements.