Helen Bowden, 90

A funeral service for Helen Bowden, 90, of Montezuma, who died Sunday morning, March 9, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, will be held at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 13. Visitation will begin at noon on Tuesday and the family will be present from 7 to 8 p.m. that evening.

Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of the arrangements.

A complete obituary will follow in the next edition of The Republican.

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Helen is survived by a sister, Emily (and Dale) Gorsch of Grinnell; a nephew, Dale Dean Gorsch of Marengo; six nieces, Sheryl Allen of West Des Moines; Gayle Light and Karen Crady both of Grinnell; Kathie Croghan of Knoxville; Sherry Heckman of Troy, Mo., and Madelyn Pennington of Martinsdale; and 11 great nieces and nephews.

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