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Her funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Visitation

will be held one hour prior to the funeral service Saturday morning.

Burial will follow in the Masonic-IOOF Cemetery at Montezuma.

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

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Casket bearers were Ryan Coffey, Joseph Coffey, Matthew Coffey, Carl King, Don Broadston, Dennis Broadston and Jan King.

Helen Coffey was born Aug. 8, 1912, to Beona (Ben) and Susan (Rosie) Broadston, the youngest of five children. She graduated from Montezuma High School and married her husband, Carl F.

Coffey, on Oct. 16, 1938. The Coffeys were the last couple married at the old Methodist Church just before it burned down in 1938. Carl and Helen were separated by World War II, when Carl was captured and spent over two years in a POW camp. After the war, they jointly owned and operated Coffey Electric in Montezuma. They were together until they were separated by Carl's death on July 23, 1998. Helen also worked for the Poweshiek County Sheriff and the Poweshiek County Courthouse.

Helen is survived by her son, Charles, and his wife, Debra, her grandchildren, Ryan, Joseph and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her five older brothers, Art, Cliff, Ralph, Chris and Harold.

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