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A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. The Rev. Reva Rimmer, pastor of Guernsey United Methodist Church, will officiate. Vocal music will be by Amy Steffen. Visitation will take place after 9 a.m. Friday, May 2, at the funeral home with the family present Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Honorary casket bearers are her eight grandsons, Mark Steffen, Scott Steffen, Shawn Steffen, Roger Steffen Jr., Allen Sinn, Corey Brown, Kyle Steffen and Matt Steffen. Cremation will follow the funeral service with inurnment at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

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She is survived by her seven children, Kenneth of Grinnell, Mary Sinn of Williamsburg, Roger of Guernsey,

Sue Brown of Des Moines and Roy Steffen and Bob Steffen of North English and Martha Wilcox of Drakesville; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; one son Larry; one granddaughter; one grandson; two sisters Katherine Main and Erma McKeag and two brothers Kenneth and Earl McKeag.

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