Helen Harrington, 94, of Grinnell, formerly of Montezuma, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at St. Francis Manor Care Center.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Friends may send condolences or sign the on-line guest book at www.hollandcoblefunerallhome.com.

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The daughter of Everett and Zephyr Hudson Freeborn, she was born Oct. 18, 1915, in Exline. She was a 1935 graduate of Montezuma High School. On June 3, 1938, she was united in marriage with Fred Harrington in Lancaster, Mo. During World War II she managed Fullmers Grocery Store in Montezuma where she worked for 28 years. She later ran an in-home daycare center for 22 years until retiring in the mid-1980s.

She is survived by her daughters Shirley, Arvidson, of Malcoen and Sandra Van Roekel of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two brothers, Delmar Freeborn of Grinnell and Everett Freeborn of Montezuma and two sisters, Louise Kopfer of Denver, Colo., and Joan Lucero of Englewood, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Fred Harrington; two brothers, Raymond Freeborn and Clethus Freeborn, and four sisters, Gene Freeborn, Mauretta Sharer, Betty Malloy and Gladys Kilmer.
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Helen Loretta Harrington, daughter of Everett Zephyr (Hudson) Freeborn, was born on Oct. 18, 1915, in Eline. She was a 1935 graduate of Montezuma High School. On June 3, 1938, Helen was united in marriage to Fred Harrington in Lancaster, Mo. To this union, two daughters were born, Shirley and Sandra. During the war, Helen ran Fullmers Grocery Store in Montezuma. She worked there for 26 years. After Fullmers Grocery Store closed, she ran an in-home daycare for 22 years until she retired in the mid 1980’s. Helen was a fabulous cook and baker. She loved her beautiful flowers. Helen enjoyed sewing, canning, putting puzzles together, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her memory will be cherished by her two daughters, Shirley (Ron) Arvidson of Malcom, and Sandra (Paul) Van Roekel of Grinnell; seven grandchildren, Brian (Susan) Worthy, Brad Arvidson, Brent Arvidson, Rodney Arvidson, Melinda Arvidson, Kami Van Roekel, and Neal (Kim) Van Roekel; 11 great-grandchildren, Max Worthy, Amanda Worthy, Ben Arvidson, Andrea Arvidson, Cassidy Arvidson, Caleb Arvidson, Aliya Arvidson, Blake Primos, Rebcca Imhoff, Hollie Van Roekel, and Tyler Imhoff; two brothers, Delmar Freeborn of Grinnell and Everett (Nettie) Freeborn Jr. of Montezuma; and two sisters, Louise Kopfer of Denver, Colo., and Joan Lucero of Eaglewood, Colo.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Fred Harrington in 2002; two brothers, Raymond Freeborn and Cleatus Freeborn; and four sisters, Gene Freeborn, Mauretta Shaver, Betty Malley and Gladys Kilmer.