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Irene Huffman, 91

Irene Huffman, 91, of Keswick, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at the Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 6, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Gibson Presbyterian Church, Mahaska County Hospice or the What Cheer Fire Department. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Irene Florence Huffman, daughter of Elmer and Verna (Mercer) Walter, was born on Aug. 7, 1918, on the family farm near Guernsey. She attended country school and graduated from Guernsey High School in 1936. On Feb. 28, 1940, Irene was united in marriage to Elvin J. Huffman at the Methodist Church parsonage in Davenport. To this union, three children were born, Janice, Donna and Maynard. Irene and Elvin farmed in the Keswick and Thornburg areas most of their life. Irene enjoyed gardening, especially her flowers, playing Pepper, traveling, fishing and going out to eat with their friends. She was an avid bird watcher. Irene was a member of the Gibson Presbyterian Church, the Lady's Aid and the Thornburg Friendly Garden Club.

Her memory is honored by her children, Janice (Keith) Tish of Deep River, Donna Combs of Mechanicsville, Va., and Maynard (Sandra) Huffman of New Sharon; a sister, Verna Riis of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren, Vicki Crosser, Brenda Tish-Haller, Marcy Pate, Michael Combs, Patrick Combs and Christian Huffman; 14 great-grandchildren, Chelsea Crosser, Lindsay Crosser, Emily Crosser, Kari Lynn Reeves, Alexis Haller, Joseph Haller, Kaitlynn Pate, Drew Pate, Keeleigh Combs, Ross Combs, Kirsten Combs, Katryn Combs, Karoline Combs and Alexandra Combs; and three great-grandchildren, Zachary Reeves, Noah Reeves and Cheyann Covey.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Verna Walter; her husband, Elvin J. Huffman; a brother, Robert Walter; and a sister, Margaret Barnes.