Obituaries

Gloria McKeag

Gloria McKeag, 62 of Montezuma, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Comfort House in Pella. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 am Friday, October 2, 2009 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma with Pastor Doug Smiley officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am Thursday, October 1, 2009 with the family present from 5:00 to 7:00 Thursday evening at the funeral home. Interment will be held in West Liberty Cemetery in rural Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lynnville Friends Church. Friends may give condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gloria J. McKeag was born on June 2, 1947, the youngest of three children born to Evelyn Johnson Ketels and Fred W. Ketels. She graduated from Montezuma Schools in 1965 and William Penn University in 1968. Gloria began teaching high school social studies in the fall of 1968 and continued to do this work as a career for 34½ years, retiring in 2002 from the Lynnville Sully Community Schools. Gloria was actively involved in the Democratic Party and was interested in issues related to the family farm, including crops and livestock. Gloria spent her last few years acquiring a beautiful team of Amish trained gelding ponies to pull a wagon and to be saddle-ridden.

She attained the age of 62 years and 3 months and 27 days. Those left to honor her memory are her son Michael and Cara of Lake Ponderosa, her two grandchildren, Brody and Madelyn of Montezuma, her very dear friend Arlen Anderson of McCallburg, Iowa and many friends and relatives.

Preceding her in death were her father, Fred (1973), her mother Evelyn (1992) and her stillborn brother, Jimmie Lee (1944); her sister Joyce Ann (2003); her brother-in-law Larry Nolin (1996) and her husband, Marlin, whom she divorced in 1978, was killed in an airplane accident in 1984.

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She is survived by her son Michael of Lake Ponderosa; two grandchildren; her dear friend Arlen Anderson of McCallburg; and many friends and relatives.

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