Rachel Bertha VeVerka, 94

Rachel VeVerka, 94, of Montezuma, passed away Sunday, Jan. 31, 2018, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Montezuma. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home. Interment was in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Rachel Bertha VeVerka, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Johnston) Hicks, was born on April 20, 1915, in Montezuma. She was a 1934 graduate of Montezuma High School. On Feb. 23, 1938, she was united in marriage to Sylvan Eldred VeVerka in Montezuma. Together they farmed the Hicks family farm near Montezuma. She was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, Poweshiekie County Farm Bureau and Order of the Eastern Star. Rachel also served as a 4-H leader, was very active in the Republican party, and was one of the original members of the Poweshiekie County Zoning Commission. She was an excellent gardener, seamstress and cook.

She is survived by three children, Gladys (Robert) Haworth, Barbara (Oran) Watson both of Montezuma, and Steve VeVerka of Deep River; one sister, Mary (Forrest) Gersuch; 12 grandchildren, Ronald (Janice) Haworth, Rick (Shirley) Haworth, Randall (Sachiko) Haworth, Rachelle Haworth, Robyn (Frem) Samuel, Rhonda Bempah, Angela (Kyle) Watson Cook, Brenda (Eric) Watson Burrough, Cheri (Steve) Watson Semprini, Elliot (Jenny Hendrickson) VeVerka, Nathan VeVerka and Logan VeVerka; 13 great-grandchildren, Joshua and Jay DeWeese, Rachel and Sarah Haworth, Juliana Bempah, Derek and Isaac Samuel, Lauren and Olivia Burrough, Owen, Ellen and Vivian Cook and Sophia Semprini; and a nephew, Larry Gersuch.

Rachel was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sylvan VeVerka; and two granddaughters, Ramona and Rebecca Haworth.