

Dorothy Wheeler, 88

PCCR Dec 9, 2009

Dorothy Wheeler, 88, of Montezuma, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at her home in Montezuma. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 11, at the Montezuma United Methodist Church with Dr. Charles Klink officiating. Visitation will begin after 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Montezuma United Methodist Church with the family present from 5



to 7 Thursday evening. Interment will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Memorials may be directed to the Montezuma United Methodist Women, Montezuma Fire Department or Montezuma Memorial Hall. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guest book at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy May Wheeler, daughter of Leonard and Bertha (Height) Hall, was born on Nov. 26, 1921, in rural Brooklyn. She was a 1940 graduate of Brooklyn High School, then taught country school in the Montezuma and Brooklyn areas. On May 25, 1946, she was united in marriage to Frank Wheeler in the Montezuma Methodist Church Chapel. To this union four children were born: Jane, Harold, Joyce and Janice. Dorothy worked at Powell's Grocery Store in Montezuma before going to work at Sig Manufacturing. Dorothy was the secretary for Wheeler Construction and in 1978 assisted Frank in the Grand Secretary office for the Knights of Pythias. She enjoyed making cakes for special occasions. Dorothy was an avid card player and enjoyed knitting each grandchild a baby afghan. Dorothy's family held a special place in her heart. She was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church for 50 plus years, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Women quilt group, Pythias Sisters for 50 plus years, Mothers Club, KYN Club and KEN Club.

Her memory will be honored by her husband of 63 years, Frank, of Montezuma; her four children, Jane (Terry) Johnson of New Hampton, Harold (Patricia) Wheeler of Montezuma, Joyce (Denise) Crotty of Ames, and Janice (Brian) Appelgate of Marshalltown; 11 grandchildren, Allen (Tanya) Johnson, Aaron (Amanda) Johnson, Ann (Jesse Stock) Johnson, Audrey Wheeler, Nathan Wheeler, Natalie Wheeler, Allison Wheeler, Mariah Crotty, Leah Appelgate, Emily Appelgate and Luke Appelgate; one great-grandchild, Olivia Johnson; and a brother, Gerald (Evelyn) Hall of Brooklyn.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mildred Long and Frances Schinckel; and one brother, Lloyd Hall.