

Emma Jean Van Gorp

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Emma Jean Van Gorp, 85, passed away on Tuesday evening,

April 26, 2011, in the Monarch Wing of Skiff Medical Center in Newton. Funeral services were held at 10:30



E. Van Gorp

a.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials are being designated to First Assembly of God or Hospice of Jasper County. On-line condolences may be left at www.pencefh.com

Emma Jean, the daughter of Chester and Mary (DeGraff) Meyers, was born October 6, 1925 near Prairie City. She was a graduate of the Monroe High School, Class of 1943. Emma Jean taught rural country school for three years.

On May 15, 1946, Emma Jean was united in marriage with Laverne Van Gorp, in Monroe. Together they made their home near Reasnor. They were members of the First Assembly of God. Emma Jean devoted her life to her family. She enjoyed her grandchildren, flowers and gardening.

Emma Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Laverne Sr. on March 24, 2002; her sister, Carrie Jane Meyers and her sister-in-law, Myrna Meyers.

Those left to honor Emma Jean's memory include her daughter, Mary (John) Cooper of Eldon; her sons: Laverne (Violet) Van Gorp Jr. of Newton, Paul (Carol) Van Gorp of Springfield, MO and Gary (Marietta) Van Gorp of Greeley, CO; her fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; her brother, Clarence Meyers of Pella; and her many friends.