Velda Andersen, 97

Velda Andersen, 97, of Montezuma, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Montezuma. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Marble Valley Cemetery near Gilmore City. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Thursday morning at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Velda E. Andersen, was born on Oct. 29, 1914 to Erie and Bertha Elliott in Montezuma. She grew up in Deep River. After graduating from Deep River High School, she graduated from William Penn College. On Dec. 27, 1941, she was united in marriage to Gerald Andersen in Lancaster, Mo. In 1946, they moved to Gilmore City where they lived many years. She continued to make her home there following Gerald's death in 1984. In 1985, she moved to Montezuma to be near family.

Velda lived quietly, but deeply, and enjoyed reading, knitting, jigsaw puzzles and especially her family. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church of Gilmore City and was a former organist there.

Those left to honor her memory are her daughter, Janet (Larry) Bergeson of Montezuma; her two grandchildren, Heidi (Jeff) Roete and Noel Brown; four great-grandchildren, Becca and Allie Brown, Abby, Amy and Andrew Roete; and a son-in-law, Dick Eversmeyer.

Velda was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald; and a daughter, Linda Eversmeyer.