

Obituaries Record 8-29-2013

ESTHER RIGGS

Esther Riggs, 87, of Malcom passed away Sunday, August 18, 2013, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. Graveside services were held Friday, August 23, 2013, at the Barnes City Cemetery in Barnes City. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the GRMC Hospice. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneral-homes.com.



Esther Riggs, daughter of Edgar and Naomi (Gilbreath) Sanders, was born on April 19, 1926, in Guernsey. Esther grew up in rural Montezuma, attending country schools and graduating from Montezuma High School. She was united in marriage to Gale Riggs and spent her time as a loving wife and mother. Esther also worked at the Chandler Grocery store in Barnes City, as well as Sig Manufacturing in Montezuma. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, and spending time tending to her garden. Esther was a member of the Barnes City

and Malcom United Methodist Churches. She also was active in the Barnes City American Legion Auxiliary where she was a member for 62 years. She was a strong, caring woman who always made her family her top priority.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Betty Sanders and Lois Massengale, and her husband Gale (1999). Her memory will be honored by her son, Richard Riggs of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Beth (Lonnie) Strong of Malcom and Judy (Wavern) DeJong of Zearing; her sisters, Violet House of Marshalltown, Darlene (Duane) Aalbers of Washington state, Eula (Ed) Fields of Sunrise Beach, Mo., Phyllis (Lee) Meredith of Grinnell, and Mary (Judson) Jones of Grinnell; and one sister-in-law, Phyllis Riggs. She was also a loving grandmother to seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephews, and many friends.