MILDRED "MICKEY" IRENE ALLEN

Mildred "Mickey" Allen, 93 of New Sharon passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at the Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Oskaloosa. Funeral services were Friday, January 31, 2014 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in New Sharon. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery in New Sharon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's Activities Department. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcobefuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred "Mickey" Irene Allen, daughter of Fred and Stella (Clemmons) McGriff, was born October 18, 1920, near New Sharon. Mildred attended and graduated from New Sharon High School with the class of 1938. On November 28, 1938, Mickey married Cyril James Allen in Trenton, Mo., making their home in New Sharon. To this union, two children were born, Larry Edward and Vivian Jean. Mickey was the typical farmer's wife, farming side-by-side with her husband, Cyril, for many years until retirement. After retirement, they bought a home in Arizona living there six months out of the year and they spent several summers in Washington state. They spent their time going to flea markets, visiting with family and playing many card games with friends. Mickey prided herself with her cooking – making coffee time for the farm help, homemade bread, pancakes for the grandchildren, and churning her own butter.

Mickey's last nine years were spent at Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehab, where she loved the staff and considered them her true friends.

Mickey was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cyril; her six siblings, Dorothy Dalton, Mike McGriff, Pearl Furubotten, John McGriff, Bill Butterbaugh and Pat Hackett; a daughter-in-law, Eva; one great-grandchild; and one great-great grandchild.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Larry (Bonnie) Allen of Enumclaw, Wash., and Vivian (Roger) Robinson of New Sharon; one brother, Jim (Mary) McGriff of Box Elder, S.D.; one sister, Virginia (Joe) Evans-Grife of Barnes City; and a brother-in-law Roy Hackett of Phoenix, Ariz. One of her greatest joys was being with her grandchildren: Alan (Eleanor) Robinson, Sandi Robinson, Kurt (Kathy) Allen, Rob (Melanie) Robinson, Christopher (Lisa) Allen, and Thomas (Maria) Allen; and several great-grandchildren; and several Howard nephews.