Obituaries....

CHARLOTTE ANN KITZMANN
Charlotte Kitzmann, 82, of Thornburg, and formerly of Gibson, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2014, at the Keokuk County Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 11 a.m. at the Holland-Coble Funeral Chapel in What Cheer. Burial was in the Garrett Cemetery near Delta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Manor House in Sigourney. Friends can sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneeralhomes.com.

Charlotte Ann Kitzmann, daughter of Leonard and Elsie (French) Pike, was born on June 26, 1931, near Coggon. She lived in several different houses in the Coggon and surrounding area during her childhood, following her father who built houses for a living. She eventually met and fell in love with Albert "LeRoy" Kitzmann. The two were married in the Little Brown Church in Nashua on May 2, 1953. In 1964, LeRoy and Charlotte purchased a farm near Gibson. Charlotte worked as a secretary for several years for the Gibson School and the Gibson fertilizer plant. She spent the rest of her time as a hard working farmwife and a loving mother to her children. LeRoy and Charlotte moved off the farm in 1996, and purchased a home in Thornburg. At this time, Charlotte began working for the University of Iowa as a housekeeper, which kept her busy until her retirement. Charlotte enjoyed gardening and was an excellent cook. She was a member of the Eastern Star; the Gibson Presbyterian Church, the Thornburg Garden Club, and enjoyed her lunches with the retired employees from the Tri-County School. She was a loving woman who always made time for her family, and she will be deeply missed.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LeRoy (2002); two sons, David Kitzmann and Andrew Kitzmann (in infancy); four brothers, Leo Pike; Kenneth Pike; Floyd Pike and Rusty Pike; and two grandsons, Trevor and Kirk Kitzmann.

Left to honor her memory are her children, Les Kitzmann of Thornburg, Allen (Diane) Kitzmann of Montezuma; and Candy (Bill McDonald) Kitzmann of Des Moines; one daughter-in-law, Marla Kitzmann of Modesto, Calif.; a brother, Glen (Ann) Pike of Cedar Rapids; her sister, Irene (Dave) Frasher of Marion; her grandchildren, Nikki (Jason) Neri, Alex Kitzmann, Zach Kitzmann, Lacy Kitzmann, Nick Hester, Lauren Hester; Austin Hester and Christie Kitzmann; and three great-grandchildren, Rainey Neri, Rhina Neri and Azure Kitzmann.