

ESTHER ARLENE VERSTEEGH

Arlene VerSteegh, 94, of New Sharon passed away Friday, December 20, 2013, at the Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa. As her wish, her body has been cremated. Memorial services will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 28, 2013, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in New Sharon, with burial to follow in the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Friends are invited to the McVay Center in New Sharon following the service for a lunch. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Sharon Fire and Rescue.

Esther Arlene VerSteegh, the daughter of Robert and Ethel Briggs, was born May 18, 1919, at her parents' home in rural New Sharon. She attended Lacey Community School before graduating from New Sharon High School. Following graduation, Arlene attended the Ottumwa Beauty School, then opened a beauty salon in New Sharon in the early 1940s. She moved to Oskaloosa and opened a beauty shop that was attached to her home for over 40 years. Arlene was proud to have lived her entire 94 years in Mahaska County. She was all about family, farming and her beauty shop customers. Her hobby was writing letters to family and friends.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leslie VerSteegh; brothers, Clifford and Donald Briggs; granddaughter, Sherry Tucker; and niece Jolene Briggs.

She is survived by her two sons, Les (Mary) VerSteegh of New Sharon and Ron VerSteegh of New Sharon; very close friend Karen Kenney of Cedar Rapids; her brother, Duane Briggs of Independence, Mo.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; and her sister-in-law, Jeannie Smith of Denver, Iowa. Record
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