

### VIRGINIA EVELYN NEOFOTIST

Virginia Neofotist, 82 of Montezuma, passed away Thursday, July 3, 2014, at Windsor Manor in Grinnell. As her wish, her body has been cremated and no services are planned at this time.



Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Regional Hospice and sent to the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in care of Virginia Neofotist, 201 West Main St., Montezuma, Iowa 50171.

Virginia Evelyn Neofotist, the daughter of Jacob and Jessie (Johannes) Van Hoever, was born on January 7, 1932, at her home in rural Montezuma. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1949. On January 22, 1950, Virginia was united in marriage to Philip Neofotist in Oskaloosa. To this union three children were born: Steve, Tom and Pat. Virginia worked at Social Services in Eldora before beginning her career with the Iowa Department of Agriculture in the personnel department. She worked there for several years before retiring in 1987. Philip and Virginia lived in several places before returning to Montezuma. Christmas was Virginia's favorite holiday, decorating every room in the house and hosting her family. She especially loved to bake and cook for her family around the holidays. She was a wonderful seamstress and enjoyed doing crafts. Virginia also attended the Jackson Church of Christ in Montezuma.

Her family includes her three children, Steve (Shirley) Neofotist of Colfax, Tom Neofotist of Montezuma and Pat (Earl) Williams of Marshalltown; her eight grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Maxine Van Hoever of Grinnell, several nieces, nephews and friends.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Philip, and her brother, Arlo Van Hoever.

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