Lottie I. Wambsgans, 88

Lottie Irene Wambsgans died on Friday, Sept. 16, 2005 while at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Her funeral service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the United Methodist Church, Montezuma, with the Rev. Joann Hary officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Casketbearers were Jerry C. Clark, Larry Homes, Tommy P. Clark, Howard Lord, Jerry B. Clark, and Keith Brake.

Lottie was born in Berryville, Ark., on Sept. 4, 1917, one of 10 children born to Walter Lee and Mary Ellen (Hudspeth) Clark.

She was joined in marriage to Ralph M. Wambsgans on March 26, 1948, in Rogers, Ark. The couple met while working together at Munsingwear Hosiery Mill where Lottie was a supervisor. Between them, the couple had three children, William Donald, Sandra Sue and Dixie Marlene.

Lottie was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, the Lydia Circle and the Montezuma Garden Club. Her joy in life was her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ralph M. Wambsgans of Montezuma; a son, William Donald Wambsgans of Des Moines, and his four children, Vicky, Terry, Debra and Doug; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson, Christopher; Lottie’s daughter, Dixie Markun Scott of Montezuma; a grandson, Andrew, (Dawn Lynn) Markun and her great-granddaughter, Hadleigh, of Des Moines, along with step-daughter Sandra’s children; and two sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews and life-long friends.

Preceding her in death were nine brothers and sisters and step-daughter Sandra Breslow.

Memorials in her name may be directed to the Montezuma United Methodist Church.