Cecelia Delores Kuiper
Dec. 29, 1934 - Apr. 19, 2016

Cecelia Kuiper, 81 of Montezuma passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 19, at her home at Lake Ponderosa. Services were Friday, Apr. 22 at the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma. Burial was held in the Sully Cemetery in Sully.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Evangelical Family Center.

Cecelia Delores Kuiper, the daughter of Lambert and Irene (Bennink) Olsthoorn, was born on Dec. 29, 1934 near Resnor. She attended Country School in Jasper County and Peoria Grade School before receiving her GED.

On Dec. 16, 1955, Cecelia was united in marriage to Jerold Kuiper near Lynnville. To this union two daughters were born, Lois and Mary. Cecelia worked for Pella Hospital and cleaned houses before they purchased a farm near Monroe. Cecelia was a typical farmer's wife milking cows and helping with the chores.

In 1974, Jerold and Cecelia moved to Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma. Cecelia was a very crafty woman and enjoyed quilting, sewing, crocheting, painting and embroidery. She also enjoyed gardening. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Cecelia absolutely loved spending time with her family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Sully, the Lynnville Reformed Church and the Sisters of the Poor in Connersville, Indiana.

Cecelia passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at her home at Lake Ponderosa. Funeral services will begin at 2:00 pm Friday, April 22, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Montezuma. Luncheon will be held before the funeral from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Burial will be held in the Sully Cemetery in Sully. Visitation will begin after 12:00 pm on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma with the family present from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Evangelical Family Center at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma in charge of arrangements.

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Her memory will be cherished by her husband, Jerold Kuiper of Montezuma; her two daughters, Lois (Ted) Grier of Otley and Mary (Ken) Osborn of Cedar Rapids; five grandchildren, Jessica (Nick) Marino, Jameson (Ashley) Grier, Jordan (Sarah) Grier, Abigail (Ron) Huckins and Emily (Steven) Bell; six great-grandchildren with three more on the way, Scout, Averi, Elsley, Brayden, Ashlyn and Alex and two sisters, Lucille (Donald) Van Wyk of Pella and Marlena (Dave) Eschweiler of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her parents.