Mary Cook, 93

MaryCook, 93 of Montezuma passed away Sunday, January 15, 2017 at the Ravanagel Hospice House in Des Moines. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon, January 19, 2017 at the United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma followed by a luncheon back at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma United Methodist Church, Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Lorraine Cook was born on January 23, 1923 to Harvey and Maude (Haeferman) Smith at Grinnell, IA. She attended Grinnell schools. On February 8, 1941, she was united in marriage to Howard C. Cook in the Methodist Parsonage in Montezuma. To this union four children were born, Sandy (Sandy), Larry, James and Robert. Mary and Howard first made their home in Grinnell before moving to Montezuma in 1953 where they continued to live until their deaths.

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Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard; two sons, Jim and Larry; Cook; three sisters, Myrtle Lee Vitera, Florence McDowell and Elma Stanley. She is survived by her children, Sandy (Arlo) Hall and Bob Cook; also six grandchildren; several great grandchildren; two daughters-in-law, Mary Cook and Susan Cook and many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.
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