Obituaries, Churches, Socials

ALLENE N. FLEMING
Apr. 1928 - Mar. 30, 2017

Allene Fleming, 88 of Montezuma died, March 30, at her home in Montezuma. Services were April 3, at the Holland Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Montezuma Food Pantry.

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MONTEZUMA RESIDENT

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