Beulah Maye McVay, 91

Beulah Maye McVay, 91, of Montezuma, died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at the Oakwood Nursing Home in Albia, Iowa.

Her funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma.

The Rev. Jo Hary, pastor of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery in New Sharon, Iowa. Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma is in charge of the arrangements.

Beulah was born July 17, 1914 at Rose Hill, Iowa, the daughter of Garrett and Lena (Martin) Scharff. She graduated from Ottumwa High School. She received a teaching certificate and taught country school for one year.

Beulah was united in marriage to Russell McVay on Oct. 13, 1939, at New Sharon, Iowa. To this union two sons were born.

The McVay family moved to their farm south of Montezuma in 1948 and retired into town in 1975. Beulah worked with Russell on the farm and also was a great cook. She loved to knit, crochet and tend her flower gardens.

She was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church and the Montezuma Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell; one sister Sylvia Westercamp; and two brothers, Leo and Don Scharff.

Beulah is survived by her two sons, Gary McVay (and Debbie Mothershed) of Ankeny, Iowa and Richard (and Margery) McVay of Montezuma; a grandson, Aaron (and Kadi) McVay of Montezuma and one great granddaughter, Avary; two sisters, Dorothy Atchinson and Golda Nicholson, both of Oskaloosa and now residents of Oakwood Nursing Home; one brother, Ralph Scharff of Oskaloosa; and other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be sent to the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

Editor’s note: Visitation for Beulah Maye McVay is Tuesday, May 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma.