

Betty I. Schmidt, 74



Betty Irene (Byers) Schmidt, 74, died Sunday, July 16, 2006 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

Betty was born Oct. 31, 1931 in Poweshiek County, the daughter of

Thomas T. and Retha A. Axtell Byers. She attended rural school and graduated from Montezuma High School in 1949. On July 20, 1950, she was united in marriage with Henry T. Schmidt at Montezuma. Henry passed away on June 8, 1996.

Betty was a secretary for many years. She worked at the Montezuma Mutual Telephone Co., Bechly and Co. Abstractors at Montezuma, Southeast Polk Junior-Senior High School at Runnells, the Howard Lake School system at Howard Lake, Minn., Montezuma High School, Montezuma Methodist Church and Goodwin Insurance and Realty at Grinnell. Betty retired in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Henry; a sister, Mae VanArkel; and a brother, Johnny Byers.

Betty is survived by her brother, Raymond (and Billie) Byers of Tampa, Fla. and her sister, Sandra (and Paul) Jones of Montezuma, and many loving nieces and nephews.

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A memorial service was held July 20 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Boyd Sparks officiating. Interment of remains took place in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Memorials may be made to the Betty Schmidt Memorial.

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Funeral services are pending at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma for Betty Schmidt, 74, of Montezuma, who died Sunday at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell. A complete obituary will be published in the next edition of *The Montezuma Republican*.