

Mary Frances Van Gorp

Mary Frances Van Gorp 73, of rural Montezuma, died Sunday, July 9, 2006, in Comfort House in Pella.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, July 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn with the Rev. Brian Shepley, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Casket bearers were Mark Facile, Matthew Facile, Andy Smith, Steve Smith, Ben Arvidson and Austin Hester. Honorary bearers were Nicholas Hester and Lucas Goodman. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery, rural Montezuma.

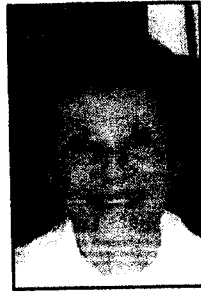
She was born July 11, 1932, in rural Jasper, Minn., to August and Jennie Wauters Facile. They moved to the Brooklyn area when she was two years old, then later to a farm northeast of Montezuma which still is in the Facile family. She graduated from Montezuma High School, then attended Drake University where she received her teaching degree and taught in rural schools near her family's home. She was married on Feb. 12, 1954, to Marvin Van Gorp at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa. The family lived in Montezuma until 1970 when they moved to the family farm northeast of Montezuma. She worked for ten years in the Poweshiek County Courthouse, then for the Agricultural Stabilization Committee (ACS) in Malcom before joining Montezuma Manufacturing in 1976 from which she retired in 1996 as human resources director. She enjoyed antiquing, painting, quilting and finding additions to her figurine collection. She was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in

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Brooklyn, its Altar and Rosary Society, Piecemakers Quilt Club and a former member of the Montezuma Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband Marvin; one son Wayne Van Gorp of St. Paul, Minn., and four daughters, Diane Kitzmann of Montezuma, Kathleen Watts of Grinnell, Marveen Arvidson of Brooklyn and Marchelle Goodman of Montezuma; 11 grandchildren; five great grandchildren and three sisters, Germaine Schmidt of Grinnell, Delaine Roorda of Oskaloosa and Alice DeRycke of Belle Plaine. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Albert Facile of Montezuma.

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with Father Brian Shepley officiating. Marilyn Kriegel was the organist. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Mark Facile, Matthew Facile, Andy Smith, Steve Smith, Ben Arvidson and Austin Hester.

Honorary casket bearers were Nicholas Hester and Lucas Goodman.

Mary was born July 11, 1932 at home on the farm near Jasper, Minn. she was the daughter of August and Jennie (Wauters) Facile. They moved to the Brooklyn area when Mary was two years old. A few years later the family moved to a farm northeast of Montezuma, which is still in the Facile family today. Mary's primary education was completed in country schools. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1950. After high school, she attended Drake University and received her teaching degree and then taught in country schools close to the family home. On Feb. 12, 1954 she was married to Marvin VanGorp at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa.

To this union five children were born, Wayne, Diane, Kathleen, Marveen and Marchelle. The family lived in Montezuma until 1970 when they moved to the family farm northeast of Montezuma. Mary worked for a short time in the Poweshiek County Courthouse. She then worked ten years at the Agricultural Stabilization Committee (ASC) in Malcom. In 1976 Mary joined Montezuma Manufacturing and retired in 1996 as the Human Resource Director.

Mary was a wonderful wife and caring mother, grandmother and friend. She loved antiquing, painting, quilting and finding bargains for her figurine collections.

Mary is survived by her husband, Marvin; her son, Wayne VanGorp of St. Paul, Minn. and four daughters, Diane (and Allen) Kitzmann of Montezuma, Kathleen Watts of Grinnell, Marveen Arvidson of Brooklyn and Marchelle (and Mike) Goodman of Montezuma; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mary is also survived by three sisters, Germaine (and Harold) Schmidt of Grinnell, Delaine (and Elmer) Roorda of Oskaloosa and Alice (and Don) DeRycke of Belle Plaine; and a sister-in-law, Sylvia Facile, of Montezuma. Mary was a life-long member of Saint Patrick's Church in Brooklyn, the Altar and Rosary Society, Piecemakers Quilt Club and had been a member of the Montezuma Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Albert Facile; and one son-in-law, Harold Hester.

Mary F. VanGorp, 73

Mary Frances (Facile) VanGorp, 73, passed away on Sunday, July 9, 2006 at the Comfort House in Pella with her family at her side. Her funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Burial will be at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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