

## Obituaries . . .

### COLLEEN FERGUSON

Aug. 1, 1929- Jan. 2, 2023

Colleen Ferguson, 93 of New Sharon passed away January 4, 2023. A Memorial service was held January 9, at McVay Center, New Sharon. Burial was in the Union Mills Cemetery at Union Mills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Sharon United Methodist Church. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Colleen Dolores McNeal Ferguson, the daughter of Lee and Mary (Williams) McNeal was born August 1, 1929 in New Sharon. She was graduated from New Sharon High School in 1947.

Following graduation, Colleen attended Iowa State Teachers College, formerly known as UNI, in Cedar Falls receiving her Elementary Teachers Diploma.

On August 4, 1951, Colleen was united in marriage to William L. Ferguson at the New Sharon United Methodist Church. To this union a son was born, Grant. Colleen taught Kindergarten and 1st grade at Barnes City Community School and Montezuma Community School for ten years before becoming a farmer's wife.

She enjoyed helping Bill out on the farm and raising their son, Grant. Colleen had a special place in her heart for her family and loved to cook a 10-course meal with all the fixings and bake cookies for her grandsons. She also enjoyed every sports activity that her son and grandsons were involved in. She was a member of the New Sharon United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for several years. Colleen was also an active member of the Iowa Angus Association Ladies Auxiliary, a charter member of Prairie Knolls Country Club and a 4-H leader in Mahaska County for several years.

Her memory will be honored by her husband of 71 years, William Ferguson of New Sharon; her son, Grant (Jayne) Ferguson of New Sharon; her grandsons, Levi (Katelin) Ferguson and Dawson Ferguson; her great granddaughter, Lennon Ferguson; her brother, Don McNeal and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Mary McNeal and her siblings, Alvetta Dodd, Laverna Rice, Virgil McNeal, Nelly Johnston, Esther Hildebrand, George McNeal and Jim Fred McNeal.

## Former Montezuma Teacher Passes Away

By Al Rabenold



OUR WONDERFUL KINDERGARTEN teacher, Mrs. Ferguson, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. What great memories we have of her. She got us off to a great start.

I admired how well she kept track of us and followed the lives of her former students. Definitely a special lady. Our very young Kindergarten teacher Colleen Ferguson is shown here, in 1956, at the South elementary doors with two of her students, Steve Bowers and Vicki Sharer, class of '69.