Hazel B. Johnson, 94

Hazel B. Johnson, 94, died on Sunday, March 18, 2007, at the Pella Regional Health Center in Pella. Her funeral service was held Thursday, March 22 at 2 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial followed in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Hazel, the daughter of William and Thula Cummins Gregory, was born July 17, 1912 in Grinnell. She graduated from Montezuma High School and received her Normal Teaching Certificate. On March 1, 1937, Hazel was united in marriage with Carmon Johnson in Danville. Hazel taught rural school in Poweshiek County for seven years. She later went on to work as a bookkeeper for Johnson Feed and Grain Elevator in Brooklyn, and then to Sig Manufacturing where she worked for 11 years, retiring in 1984. Hazel was a long-time member of the Methodist Church in Montezuma.

She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hazel enjoyed her years in 4-H Leadership, homemaking, reading, crossword puzzles, spelling bees, traveling and watching Wheel of Fortune.

Those left to honor Hazel's memory include her daughters, Virginia (Ron) Ogan of Osceola, Nancy (Jim) Ferguson of Overland Park, Kan., Sara (Dan) Gillaspie of Enid, Okla.; her eight grandchildren, Mark Ogan, Mindy Ogan, Wade and AnnaMarie Ferguson, Lex (Colette) Ferguson, Amy (Todd) Trolliet, Lara Jantzi, Emily (John) Buller, Charlie (Darlene) Gillaspie and her fourteen great-grandchildren, Nathan Ogan, Matthew Ogan, Chelsee Ferguson, Tina Milano, Stephani Ferguson, Cory Ferguson, Alexis Ferguson, Raquel Trolliet, Timothy Jantzi, Allison Jantzi, Joshua Jantzi, Jessica Buller, Samuel Buller, Jacob Buller.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Carmon, and her three brothers, Oral, Claire and Raymond.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Montezuma United Methodist Church Choir.