

Dorothy Irene Lester, 92

Dorothy Irene Lester, age 92, of Montezuma, passed away on March 17, 2009, at Brooklyn Community Estate in Brooklyn.

Dorothy was born on July 19, 1916, in Mahaska County near Union Mills, the daughter of John E. and Jennie Burggraaf McMahan. Dorothy was baptized at a young age at Barnes City Christian Church. She graduated from Barnes City High School with the Class of 1935.

On Jan. 7, 1939, she was united in marriage with Virgil R. Lester at Grinnell. To this union, one daughter, Barbara, and one son, Allan, were born. They farmed most of their lives around the Montezuma and Deep River communities. Dorothy was an active member of the Deep River Christian Church and CWF. She moved from the family farm in 1996, to an apartment in Montezuma, where she resided until entering Brooklyn Community Estate in 2005. Dorothy enjoyed spending time with her family, attending her grandchildren's school activities, and spending winters in California. She also enjoyed making quilts for her family and had a love for gardening, flowers and songbirds.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Virgil in 1985; grandson, Christopher Lester in 1976; son-in-law, Harry Ku in 2005; four brothers, Gerald McMahan, Donald McMahan, Hassal McMahan, and Adrian McMahan; and sister, Doris Cheney.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Barbara Ku of Riverside, Calif., and Allan and (Wanda) Lester of Aplington; grandchildren, Nichole and (Mike) Lebeda of Urbandale, Nathan Lester of West Des Moines, Robin and (Yolanda) Ku of Bloomfield, Colo., Ryne and (Mae-Jean) Ku of Burbank, Calif., Ried Ku of Torrance, Calif.; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Noah Lebeda, Briar Lester, Jade, Kristy, Nolan, Clayton and Colton Ku; sisters, Helen McMahan of Montezuma, and Hazel and (Darwin) Palmer of Barnes City; sister-in-laws, Imogene McMahan of Marion, Verla McMahan of Roberta, Ga., Daisy Lester of Omaha, Neb., Dorys Lester of Boulder, Colo., and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 21, at Deep River Christian Church, at 10:30 a.m., with Marvin and Doris Freeborn officiating. Interment was in Barnes City Cemetery. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be extended to the family via the Web site www.klosterfuneral-home.com.



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