

# Katherine Close, 89

Katherine V. Close, 89, of Montezuma, died Tuesday, April 30, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was Saturday, May 4, at Watts Funeral Home with the Rev. H. Burr Bryant officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Memorials have been established for Montezuma Dollars for Scholars and Montezuma United Methodist Church.

Casket bearers were David and Michael Arendt, Charles and Paul Rethman, Guy Mathews, Shane VanDee and Michael Arendt, II.

Honorary casket bearers were Heather VanDee, Angela and Hayden Mathews, Alisha, Gaige, and Brayden Arendt, Connor, Callie, Emily, Tyler and Meagan Rethman.

Katherine was born March 9, 1913, at Centerville, the daughter of Roscoe and Mary (Bronson) Wales. She graduated from Centerville High School in 1931. On May 30, 1931, she was united in marriage with Richard Close at Cincinnati, Iowa. To this union.

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two daughters were born, Leta and Mary.

After their marriage, they lived on a farm and during the war, they moved to Burlington where they both worked in the Ordinance Plant making ammunition. Later, Katherine became a beautician. They lived in several different communities and moved from Marshalltown to Montezuma in the fall of 1980.



They enjoyed retiring in this community and Katherine was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, Mothers Club and Ken Club. She loved gardening and playing bridge. She was also an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan, and loved her family and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, and one grandson.

Katherine is survived by her daughters,

Leta (& Richard) Arendt, Montezuma; Mary (& Donald) Rethman, San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren: her sister, Cleo Eving, Dallas, Texas; and other relatives and many friends.