

Merna Galbraith

Merna Sue McCalla Galbraith, 71, of rural Montezuma, a resident of Woodbury West Care Center in West Des Moines since April, died of kidney disease and diabetes Sunday, Nov. 26, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Revs. George Salnave and Dennis Smith officiating. Organist was Kathleen Ramsey, and soloist was Darrell Brand. Pallbearers were Donald Roller, Don Gregory, Jim Sheetz, Wiley VanOmmen, Jim Williamson and Francis Bunting. Honorary bearers were Jim Moore, Marvin Moore, Bill Gorsuch and Richard Linn. Burial was in Sheeley Cemetery near Montezuma.

She was born Feb. 18, 1924, at North English and was the daughter of Jesse F. McCalla and Hattie E. Graham. She graduated from Thornburg High School.

She was married to Lester J. Galbraith Feb. 25, 1942, at Lancaster, Mo. The couple farmed near Keswick for seven years, then moved to their farm south of Montezuma.

Mrs. Galbraith was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was a division leader of the Presbyterian Women. She also was a member of the Montezuma Garden Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathie Hall of Malcom and Diane Honecker of Dodge Center, Minn.; one son, Randy of Florence, Miss.; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Audrey Wallace of Greensboro, N.C. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Brian and Mac; two sisters, Wanda Faas and Frances Miller; and two brothers, Harry and Bobby McCalla, who died in infancy.

A memorial fund has been established.

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She was graduated from Thornburg High School. On February 25, 1942, Merna was united in marriage to Lester J. Galbraith at Lancaster, MO. To this union were born two daughters and three sons. After their marriage they farmed near Keswick for seven years before moving to their present farm south of Montezuma in 1949.

Merna was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a member of Presbyterian Women, serving as a division leader for several years. She was also a member of the Montezuma Garden Club. Merna enjoyed teaching floral arrangement and judged many flower shows.

Merna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Lester in 1986; two sons, Brian in 1973 and Mac in 1993. Also two sisters, Wanda Faas and Frances Miller and two brothers, Harry McCalla, and Bobby McCalla who died in infancy.

Merna Sue is survived by her family; Kathie and John Hall of Malcom and their children Cory and Barbara Hall and their children Nathan and Brett of Grinnell; and Jacqueline and Mike Langas of North Liberty; Diane and Bill Honecker of Dodge Center, Minn. and their children Mark, Avin, Aaron of Minnesota; Randy and Jamie Sue Galbraith and their children Alyssa, Matthew, and Lee Owen all of Florence, Miss.; Mac's children Darin of McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kans., Kevin and Jennifer and Mac's wife, Cindy of Eddyville. Also Brian's wife, Rebecca and son, Michael Galbraith of Hurst, Texas; one sister Audrey Wallace of Greensboro, N.C. and many nieces and nephews and by her namesake Merna Sue, Mrs. Alan Furney of Knoxville.

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Services are Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. George M. Salnave and Rev. Dennis Smith officiating. Organist was Kathleen Ramsey and soloist, Darrell Brand. Solo selections were: "One Day at a Time" and "My Tribute".

Casket bearers were: Dr. Donald Roller, Don Gregory, Jim Sheetz, Wiley VanOmmen, Jim Williamson, Francis Bunting.

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Music was by soloist, Darrel Brand and organist, Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey, who performed "One Day at a Time" and "My Tribute". Casket bearers were Dr. Donald Roller, Don Gregory, Jim Sheetz, Wiley VanOmmen, Jim Williamson and Francis Bunting. Honorary casket bearers were Jim Moore, Bill Gorsuch, Marvin Moore and Richard Linn.
Interment was at Sheeley Cemetery.