

Helen L. Goreham

(Robert)

Helen Louise Wright Sharer Goreham died Aug. 17, 1999 at Pella Regional Health Center.

Her funeral was Aug. 21 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Officiant was Pastor Shawn Oberg of the First Assembly of God Church in Oskaloosa.

Musical was "In the Garden" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Casket bearers were Robert Phillips, Rick Phillips, Matthew Miller, Robert Phillips II, Rick Phillips, Jr. and Blint Robert. Brian Phillips, Lance Baker and Dylan Baker were honorary casket bearers.

She was entombed at the Masonic - IOOF Cemetery Mausoleum in Montezuma.

Mrs. Goreham was born Jan. 15, 1915 in Montezuma to John Hiram and Margaret Aletha Falkinburgh Wright. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1936. On Nov. 20, 1937, she married Forrest Sharer. To this union were born two daughters, Wilma Louise and Lana Lou Sharer.

On Feb. 14, 1952, she married Robert Ray Goreham. From 1947 to 1952, she was superintendent of the Junior Department. She owned and operated her own nursing home from her residence in Montezuma for eight years (1950-1958). In late 1958, she moved to Osage where her husband Robert had joined Mitchell County Insurance Agency.

While in Osage, she manufactured, Flamingo Salad Dressing, which was marketed in a variety of grocery stores. After the passing of her husband, Robert, she worked for Mitchell County Memorial Hospital in Osage for more than 10 years. Mrs. Goreham retired in 1985 and moved to Oskaloosa to be close to her daughter, Wilma.



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Mrs. Goreham taught fourth grade Sunday School at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma from 1929 to 1947. She was a multi-talented person and particularly enjoyed sewing and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Forrest Sharer; her second husband, Robert Goreham; her daughter, Lana McKnight in 1988 and two sisters, Wilma Florence Wright in 1920 and Aletha Margaret Bessey in 1997.

She is survived by a daughter and her husband, Wilma and Robert Phillips of Oskaloosa; seven grandchildren, Tammy Miller, Rick Phillips, Susan Roberts, Rob Phillips, Anita Ashley, Larry McKnight and Gary McKnight; 12 great-grandchildren, Matthew Miller, Ricky and Brian Phillips, Lance and Dylan Baker, Tanya, Travis and Terrence Ashley, Tyler, Torrance and Anthony McKnight; Kandace McKnight; other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.