

## Funeral set for Margaret Johnson

A funeral for Margaret Johnson, 90, of rural Montezuma will be Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma.

Mr. Bill Ell will officiate and burial will follow in the West Liberty Cemetery near Searsboro.

Visitation will begin after 9 a.m. on Friday and the family will be present Friday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. to greet relatives and friends.

A memorial has been established for the West Liberty Cemetery Fund.

A more complete obituary will follow in next week's *Republican*.

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## MS Margaret Johnson, 90

Margaret E. Johnson, 90, of rural Montezuma, died Monday morning, March 16, 1998 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 21 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with Bill Ell of West Liberty Church of Christ officiating.

Tiffany Steele, Becky Fatzinger and David and Barbara Pierce performed "Mansion over The Hilltop," "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Casket bearers were Carl Byers, Gary Adrian, Steve Palmer, Tom Steffen, Butch Gilbert and Waylan Hardeman.

Interment was in West Liberty Cemetery.

Margaret was born March 23, 1907 in Poweshiek County, the daughter of Grant and Elizabeth (Snider) Johnson. In her early years, she moved in with her two brothers, where she kept house and

cooked for them while they farmed. She also cared for her parents, who lived nearby.

After her sister Olive retired, she, too, made her home with Margaret, Alvie and John Allen.

Margaret was a long-time member of the West Liberty Church of Christ and a 50+ year member of the Farm Bureau.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, J. Harlan, C. Alvie and John Allen; two sisters, Viola Caldwell and Olive Johnson, as well as two other siblings in infancy.

She is survived by one sister, Nina Schooley of Oskaloosa, eight nieces, one nephew, several great-nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the West Liberty Cemetery Fund, Box 398, Montezuma, Iowa 50171.

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