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Mary Johnson Dies At Montezuma Home

Mary Ethel, daughter of Rebecca and Overton Vantrees was born on a farm near the Oak Grove community north of Searsboro, Iowa on October 1, 1880 and departed this life Sept. 3, 1959 at her home in Montezuma at the age of 78.

In 1898 she was united in marriage with Stanford Johnson. To this union eight children were born. One son Earl died in infancy.

They made their home on a farm in Poweshiek County most of their lives until the death of Mr. Johnson in December of 1922.

In August of 1926 she was united in marriage with Obe Steele. They continued living on the farm. In 1934 they left the farm but still made their home in the community. They shared their home with a grandson Charles Jr. About two years ago they moved into Montezuma.

When a young woman Mrs. Steele joined the Little Mt. Baptist Church later transferring her membership to the West Liberty Church of Christ.

She was preceeded in death by a son Lathiel and a grandson Billy Long. Beside her husband she is survived by four sons: Lloyd of Des Moines, Leon of Malcom, Stanford of Tremont, and Charles of Montezuma also two daughters Lucille Farmer and Velma Long of Montezuma, one sister Eunice Galbraith of Independence, Missouri, twenty-four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral Services for Mary Ethel Steele were held at the Steffy Funeral Home Sunday at 2:30 p.m. by Marvin Johnson, Menlo.

Burial was in Friends Cemetery in Searsboro.

Casket bearers were: Wesley Steele, DeLon Johnson, Robert Johnson, James Fisk, Gerald Foster, Keith Anderson.