

JULY 19, 1962

**Olive Duffus Sparks.  
Was Former Monte  
Hotel Operator**

*Harry*  
Olive, daughter of Margaret and Alexander Duffus, was born on a farm south of Malcom, Jan. 25, 1879, and died in Mercy hospital, Des Moines, July 10, at 83 years of age.

When a child, she moved with her parents to a farm southeast of Brooklyn. In her youth she became a member of the Methodist church and was a faithful attendant all of her life.

In 1905 she was united in marriage with Harry Sparks, and to this union, one son was born. Mr. Sparks was a plumber, they lived in Montezuma and several nearby towns.

After his death in 1912, she returned to Montezuma and worked in several local stores.

Later, she became a hotel owner, operating hotels in Montezuma, Northwood, Sioux Rapids, Osceola and Leon, Iowa, and Randolph, Nebr. In 1946 she went to Long Beach, Calif., where she owned and operated an apartment house until she retired in 1951.

She was a 50-year member of the Vashti Rebekah Lodge.

She is survived by her son, Delmar and his wife, Des Moines; five grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral service was at 2:30 p. m. July 13, at the Steffy Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. Frank Jacobs. Miss Alice Underwood played the funeral selections and for the Rebekah service. Interment was in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery. Casket bearers were Clarence Duffus, Lester Duffus, Glenn Connell, Mike McCarty, Bernard Newell and Jake Newell.