

## Marguerite Stanford, 91 (FLOYD)

Marguerite H. Stanford, 91, of Montezuma died Tuesday evening, July 21, 1998 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was July 23 at Watts Funeral Home with Pastor James Sears of the Barnes City Community Church officiating.

James Sears sang "How Great Thou Art" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Organist was Terry Johnson.

Casket bearers were Tom Stanford, Keith Kiefer, Kevin Bru, Chris Stanford, Mike Clements and Bill Simonton.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Marguerite was born April 10, 1907 in North English, the daughter of John Franklin and Harriet B. (Sterett) Thomas.

On February 24, 1926, she was united in marriage with Floyd Stanford. This union, one daughter was born.

The couple farmed in the Barnes City and New Sharon areas before moving to their farm west of Montezuma.

Floyd died March 1, 1975.

Marguerite was a longtime member of the Montezuma Christian Church and later, the Community Church in Barnes City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Floyd; four sisters, Mildred Stanford, Vera Caldwell, Ann Berg and Blanche Thomas and three brothers, Joseph (Toby) Thomas, John Thomas and Wilsie Thomas.

She is survived by her daughter, Bettie Talbert of Montezuma; two grandsons, Russell Talbert, Jr. and Rick Talbert, both of Montezuma; three great-grandchildren, Rachel, Rebekah and Colton Talbert, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

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