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Erma Jane Steele

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May 2, 2001
Funeral services were held for Erma J. Steele, 99, on Friday, April 27, 2001 at 1 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma with Rev. H. Burr Bryant of the United Methodist Church, Montezuma, officiating. Music was provided by soloist Mrs. Rhonda Minner and organist Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey. Casket bearers were Gregory Steele, David Steele, Lisa Harden, Joseph Steele, Andrew Steele and Greg Harden. Interment was in Barnes City Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Barnes City United Methodist Church.

Erma J. Steele of the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, passed away there on Tuesday, April 24, 2001.

Erma was the youngest daughter of James P. and Elizabeth (Graham) Lester, born Oct. 16, 1901 in Gibson. She graduated from Gibson High School in 1920.

On Nov. 5, 1921, she married W.C. Steele at her father's home in Gibson. They moved to a farm south of Gibson, where they lived until Feb. 1932, when they moved to their farm near Montezuma. They retired and moved into Barnes City in Feb. 1966.

Erma was a member of the United Presbyterian Church until she transferred her membership to the United Methodist Church in Barnes City. She was a homemaker.

In 1986 she moved to the nursing home, where her health began to fail.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Cliff; son-in-law, Paul Case; granddaughter, Rhonda Case; and two sisters, Ruby Werner and Leona McKay.

Erma is survived by her children, Betty Case of Barnes City and Leslie and Imogene Steele of Deep River; five grandchildren and their spouses, Gregory and Mary Jo Steele of Barnes City, Joseph and Mary Steele of Montezuma, David and Rhonda Steele of Washington, Iowa, Lisa and Greg Harden of Phoenix, Az., and Andrew Steele of Waterloo; 11 great-grandchildren, Lance Corporal Bradley Steele of Okinawa, Ben Steele, Kaylee Doll, Shannon Steele, Paige Steele, Colin Steele, Max Harden, Ben Harden, Bryana Steele, Carly Steele and Madisyn Steele and many nieces and nephews.