

Erna Marie Steffen Strong

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Funeral services were held Friday morning, April 2, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma for Erna Marie Steffen Strong, 85, who died March 29, 1999, at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

Dr. George M. Salnave of First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma officiated. Organist Kathleen Ramsey accompanied Rhonda Minner singing "The Old Rugged Cross," "In the Garden" and "Beyond the Sunset." Casket bearers were Scott Strong, Brett Strong, Shawn Hampton, John Lint, Duane McDonald and John Baderstadt. Interment was in the Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma.

Erna Marie Steffen Strong, daughter of Carl and Augusta Karston Steffen, was born Feb. 20, 1914, in Iowa County. She attended and was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church east of Guernsey.

She married Lee Strong at Oskaloosa on Nov. 25, 1936. They were parents of five children. Erna was very much involved in the farming operation they had for 28 years. In 1966 they moved to Brooklyn and retired from business in 1971.

Erna was preceded in death by her husband, Lee; four sisters, Elsie Graham, Elma Luetch, and two in infancy; six brothers, Alfred, Henry, Arnold, Otto, Harold and Melvin Steffen; and one granddaughter, Wanda June, in infancy.

She is survived by five children and their spouses, Howard Strong of Brooklyn, Gaye and Larry Gwin of Brooklyn, Joann and Jerry Hampton of Houston, Texas, Lonnie and Beth Strong of Malcom, and Lamont and Beverly Strong of Montezuma; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

If friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer Research.

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Strong in Oskaloosa. The couple had five children.

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