

Mavis Ruth Van Cleave

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Mrs. Van Cleave

Mavis Ruth Van Cleave, 78, of Montezuma died Monday, Nov. 8, 1999 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Her funeral was Nov. 10 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Pastor Boyd Sparks officiated.

"Beyond the Sunset," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" were musical selections by soloist Rhonda Minner and organist, Kathleen Ramsey.

Casket bearers were Doug Hoksbergen, Todd Van Cleave, Brad Van Cleave, Denny Vos, David Hoksbergen, Dustin Hendricks, Dave Allen and Derek Tellin. Honorary casket bearers were Kris Vos, La Rae Van Cleave, Dana Van Cleave-Smith, Mindy Van Cleave, Andrea Allen, Angie Kinsley, Amy Hill, Lissa Van Cleave and Dakota Little.

Mrs. Van Cleave was buried in Jackson Township Cemetery.

Born Sept. 18, 1921 near Gibson, she was the daughter of William and Dora (Wymore) Chandler. At the age of 5 she moved with her family to Balaton, Minn.

They lived there for eight years before returning to Gibson. She graduated from Gibson High School in 1939.

On Dec. 20, 1939, Mavis Ruth Chandler was united in marriage to Arthur Van Cleave. To this union seven children were born. The family resided in the Gibson, Deep River and Montezuma areas. Mr. Van Cleave died in September 1952.

Mrs. Van Cleave worked at the Ben Franklin store in Montezuma for several years. She then worked for several years and retired from Montezuma Community Schools. For 10 years more, she helped her daughter at Sandy's.

Mrs. Van Cleave was a member of Blakley-Stevens American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arthur; a son, Dwane; a grandson, Wade Allen Van Cleave; a son-in-law, Duane Hendricks; a brother, Kenneth Chandler; a sister, Hester Nelson and a nephew, Wilmont Nelson.

She is survived by six children and their spouses, Shirley and Kenneth Hoksbergen of Grinnell; Dennis and Sandee Van Cleave of Holcomb, Kan., Sharon Hendricks of Sully, Bill and Sharon Van Cleave of Bloomfield, Mike and Jane Van Cleave of Mount Dora, Fla. and Sandra Van Cleave-Little and husband Mike of Barnes City; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Jan Sires of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Everett Chandler of Oskaloosa; other relatives and many friends.

In charge of arrangements was Watts Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to Montezuma City Park.

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Mavis Van Cleave

A funeral for Mavis Van Cleave, 78, of Montezuma is this morning, Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma.

Visitation began at noon Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. The family was present that evening from 6:30-8 p.m.

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Pastor Boyd Sparks will officiate at the funeral.

Burial will follow in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Memorials may be directed to Montezuma City Park.

A complete obituary will follow next week.