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Rachel Ann Lidtka, 88



Rachel Ann Lidtka, 88, of Montezuma, died Sunday, May 4, 2003 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Her funeral will be Wednesday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Watts Funeral Home with the Rev.

H. Burr Bryant of the United Methodist Church in Montezuma officiating. Interment will follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening, May 6, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Casket bearers will be Danny Smith, Mike Payne, Troy Kerby, Kent Winburn, Aaron Winburn and Tony McDavitt.

Ann was born March 12, 1915, at Bayliss, Ill., the daughter of Dick and Edith (Powell) McLaughlin. She attended school in Bayliss, Ill. On Nov. 14, 1948, she was united in marriage with Garold Lidtka at the Methodist Par-

sonage in Montezuma. She was a store clerk/bookkeeper and a homemaker. She was very dedicated to various organizations throughout the community. She was very active with the Garden Club, American Legion Auxiliary and Eastern Star. She attended the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Garold; her son and his wife, Donald E. and Gloria Smith of Bloomfield; three grandchildren, Debbie McSparen and Denise Payne, both of Bloomfield; and Danny Smith of Drakesville; eight great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Alberta Wheeler of Landover, Kansas; several nieces and nephews and other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Emmlee Longman, and two brothers, Wilmot and James.

Memorials in her name may be directed to Grinnell Regional Home Care, the Garden Club of Montezuma or the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 8876 at Montezuma.