

Florence M. Stitely, 96

Florence M. Stitley, 96, of Montezuma and formerly of Oskaloosa, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Montezuma.

Her funeral service was Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Bates Funeral Chapel, Oskaloosa, with the Rev. Dr. George Salnave officiating. Burial was at the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa.

Florence was born on May 20, 1907, in Mahaska County, the daughter of James Henry and Minnie J. Fowler Leatherman. On Jan. 14, 1925, she was united in marriage to William "Bill" Stitely at Oskaloosa. Together they owned and operated the Stitely Sporting Goods store in Oskaloosa until retiring in 1966. She was a lifetime member of the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa,

TTT, Kings Daughters, Mahaska County Historical Society, and she was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed painting, crafts, and she was a very good cook.

Florence is survived by her daughter, Priscilla "Sis" Fulton of Montezuma; a grandson, Kevin Fulton of Alaska and a great-grandson, Ariel Cox.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert Stitely; a son-in-law, Robert Fulton; a granddaughter, Pamela Fulton Cox; a brother, Virgil Leatherman, and five sisters, Anna Mae Allen, Lelia Spain, Beulah Long, Della Busby and Glenna Walton.

Memorial contributions may be made to The First Christian Church of Oskaloosa or to the First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma.

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