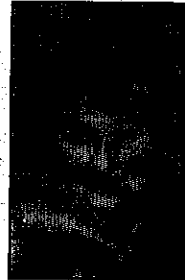


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Dorothy Simpson, 75

Dorothy Simpson, 75, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, at her home in Montezuma. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the Colon Cancer Coalition.



Dorothy Mae Simpson was born Sept. 29, 1935, to Lewis and Leona Nielsen Akers at her grandparents' home in Oakfield. At age 13, she spent two months at Blank Children's Hospital after contracting polio. This challenged her life forever. In 1954, she graduated from the Exira High School and immediately enrolled at the Thompson School of Beauty in Des Moines. While there, Dorothy was offered a modeling position at the prestigious Younkers Tea Room as well as a position in their hair salon. She chose instead to marry her best friend. On June 26, 1955, Dorothy was united in marriage to Robert Simpson. The couple became the parents of Dennis Dean, Lisa Lu and Angela Dawn.

At age 19, she began her own beauty salon which she maintained until her retirement in 2010. Dorothy also served as a hairdresser for the Montezuma Nursing Home, St. Francis Manor and the Mayflower Nursing Home. She was a charter member of the Jayceettes, served on the Hospice board for 25 years as well as the GRMC Ladies Auxiliary. Dorothy belonged to several card groups and the Diamond M Squares, as well as a leader for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She was also a member of the United Methodist Church in Montezuma. Dorothy enjoyed attending the many ball games and activities of her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies were sewing, quilting and cooking.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Bob.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Dennis Simpson, Lisa (Russ) Gabriel and Angie (Mark) Hasley, all of Montezuma. She also leaves behind a sister, Ruth (Larry) Jenkins of Greeley, Colo.; a brother, Jerry (Jo) Akers of Ankeny; five grandchildren, Krista and Kory Gabriel, and Jakob, Autumn and Rylee Mae Hasley.