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Ruby Alderman, 73

Ruby Alderman, 73, of Montezuma passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at the Pella Comfort House. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 2, at the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church with Pastor George Salnave officiating. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Ruby Laverne Alderman, daughter of Henry W. "Bill" and Isabel (Poortinga) Septer, was born on July 28, 1937 in Prairie City. She attended Mormon Point Country School before graduating from Lacey High School in 1955. Ruby attended Central College, receiving her two year teaching degree and completed her bachelor of arts degree at Drake. On June 5, 1964, Ruby was married to Fred Alderman. To this union two daughters were born, Dianna and Sherrie. Ruby taught at Dallas Center, West Des Moines and Montezuma Schools. At Montezuma, she began teaching second grade, and then taught third grade, retiring in 2002. After Ruby retired, she continued to volunteer reading to children, as a teacher's aide and helped in the office. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the Montezuma Library Board, the Prairie City Crisis Center and the after school program at the Presbyterian Church. Ruby enjoyed her cats, garden, flowers, bird watching and camping. She loved to travel, being outdoors and above all her family. Ruby was a member of Quilt Guild, Literary Club, Garden Club, the First Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Women and she was an avid Cub's fan.

She is survived by her two daughters, Dianna Alderman of North Las Vegas, Nev., and Sherrie Alderman of Mankato, Minn.; a brother, Lester (Georgia) Septer, of New Sharon; a sister, Betty (Ray) Pargeon, of New Sharon; and special family friend, Carolyn Woods, of Montezuma.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Isabel Septer; and her husband, Fred Alderman on June 11, 1996.