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Betty Lucille Kiefer, 85



Betty Lucille Kiefer, 85, of Montezuma died Monday, July 21, 2008, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Her funeral service will be held at the Holland-

Coble Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, with Deacon James Striegel officiating. Burial will be at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Sigourney. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 23 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A prayer service will begin at 7 p.m.

Betty Lucille Kiefer, daughter of Richard Gilliland and Ida Mae Scharff, was born on June 2, 1923 in Oskaloosa. She attended country school in Mahaska County. On Jan. 24, 1944, she was united in marriage to Earl Jacob Kiefer by Father Collins at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa. Betty was a homemaker and a mother of four. She enjoyed playing bingo at the 50 Plus Club in Deep River, dancing, shopping for shoes, jewelry and occasionally a dress. She also enjoyed picnics and

fishing trips she took with her family to Lake Darling. Betty will be remembered as a good sister, a great mother and an excellent grandmother. Somehow she always found time to play an active role in the lives of her family. Above all her ability to listen to her family's concerns and somehow have the right answers will never be forgotten.

Betty is survived by a son, Keith (Cathy) Kiefer of Montezuma; three daughters: Connie (Larry) Kilmer of Toledo, Barb (Leonard) Van Patton of What Cheer and Elaine (Bob) Schirmer of Barnes City; four sisters: Eva Mae Stein of Davenport, Bonnie (George) Gilbert of Lovilia, Donna (Dean) Hough of Eddyville and Judy (David) Ellis of Arkansas. She was also blessed with 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren with one more expected in September.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Earl Kiefer and a great grandson, Bradley David Lee Jacobs.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Ambulance. Friends may give condolences or sign the online guest book at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com.