

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughter, Jolene Virginia; and two sisters, Dema and LaVonne.

A graveside service and burial will be held at a later date at the Masonic Odd Fellows Cemetery in Montezuma.

Visitation with the family present will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

The family requests no flowers. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Montezuma Nursing Home Activity Fund in Virginia's name.

We would like to thank the staff at Montezuma Nursing Home for the excellent, loving care she received while she lived there.

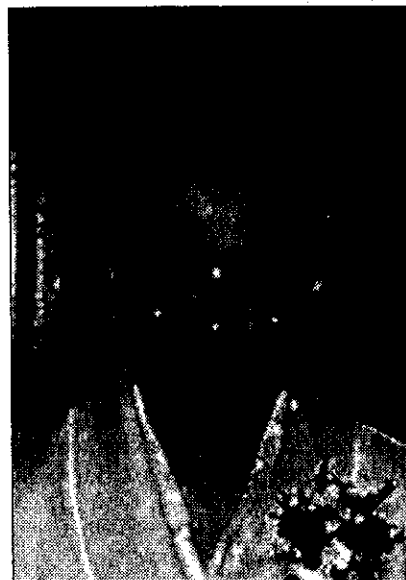


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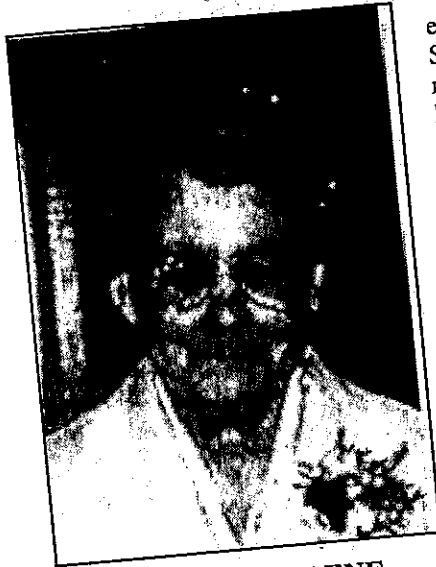
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A graveside service and burial has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Masonic Odd Fellows Cemetery in Montezuma.

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