

Viola Jean Casey

Viola Jean Casey, 80, of Malcom died Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.



A funeral service was held Monday, April 28, at Holland Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Memorials may be sent to the Malcom Fire Department.

She was born May 1, 1927, in Montezuma, the daughter of William and Maggie Leyden-Van Genderen, one of nine children. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1945. At the age of 18, she was united in marriage with Deane Casey at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma on Jan. 6, 1946. She was employed at the Montezuma State Bank for one year before becoming a full-time homemaker, mother and farm wife.

She often joked about the fact that she lived in one house for her entire life. She enjoyed sewing and gardening but her true pride was in her family. She made an extra effort to be involved in her children's lives as they were growing up and all the events and activities in which her grandchildren were involved.

She is survived by her husband Deane; her son Jim Casey of Johnston; her daughter Bette Jean Dyjak of New Sharon; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings.

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