

OBITUARIES

MONTEZUMA RESIDENT

Norma Jean Farrington, 84



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by her family at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Monday evening, February 1, 2016. Funeral services were held Monday morning, February 8, 2016 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Visitation was Sunday afternoon, February 7, 2016 at the funeral home. As was her wish, her body was cremated following the service and a private family burial will be held in the West Liberty Cemetery west of Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the family's name to be determined later. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Norma Jean Farrington, the daughter of Alfred and Dena (Van Hoover) Tish, was born on November 12, 1931 near Montezuma, Iowa. She attended country school near Montezuma and Montezuma High School. Norma Jean left school after the 9th grade to be a nanny to help her sister. Norma Jean married Jim Farrington and to this union six children were born: Nancy, Alan, Rebecca, Pamela, Scott and David. Norma Jean worked

at the Overall Factory and Sig Manufacturing for a short while. A women of Faith and a big heart, Norma Jean fostered over 200 foster children, receiving a Foster Parent of the Year award. She enjoyed gardening, singing, dancing and above all spending time with her family and raising her foster children. Norma Jean was a faithful member of the West Liberty Church and also helped with their vacation bible school.

Norma Jean's memory will be honored by her children, Nancy (Walter) Hagist of Searsboro, Alan Farrington of Searsboro, Rebecca (Skip) Fatzinger of Montezuma, Pamela (Michael) Benelli of Phoenix, AZ, Scott Farrington of Montezuma and David Farrington of Montezuma; 11 grandchildren, Dawn, Jesse, Jayson, Brittany, Christopher, Joshua, Krista, Michael, Daniel, Erienne and Cassandra; 8 great grandchildren, Savanna, Gavin, Kayla, Mason, Chase, Nakhia, Jayden and Kennedy; three step children, Jim, Bonnie and Joyce; a brother, Earl (Marilyn) Tish of Newton; over 200 Foster children, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

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