

Frances Schlesselman, 91



Frances Schlesselman, 91, of Malcom passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, Nov. 9, 2016 at the Montezuma Specialty Care. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 at the Montezuma United Methodist Church. Burial was at the Guernsey Cemetery in Guernsey, Iowa. Visitation was Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma with the family that evening. Memorials may be made to the Montezuma Specialty Care Activities Department. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Maxine Schlesselman, the daughter of Hiram and Ida Vivian (Bergstrom) Morrow, was born on June 19, 1925 near Montezuma, Iowa. She graduated from Montezuma High School with the class of 1943 before receiving her teaching certificate from William Penn in Oskaloosa. She also received her business degree from AIB in Des Moines. She first was a secretary for the United States Army at Wright Paterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio before returning to Montezuma to teach country school at Union #5 Country School. On June 8, 1946, Frances was united in marriage to Ray Schlesselman in Marengo, Iowa. To this union three children were born, David, Nancy and James. In 1965, they moved to Malcom where Frances worked for the ASCS office for 24 years retiring in 1982. She also was a Notary and Treasurer for the City of Malcom, worked for Grinnell College for a couple of years and took care of the church books. She enjoyed reading, embroidering and cooking. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children, David (Becky) Schlesselman of Brooklyn, Nancy (Philip) Ehlers of Clinton and James Schlesselman of Malcom; six grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; a sister, Elaine Willis of Solon, Iowa and a sister in law, Margaret Morrow of Montezuma.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray and six brothers, Ernest Morrow, Paul Morrow, Bob Morrow, Forrest Morrow, Jack Wakley and Bruce Wakley.

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