

Evelyn Roberta Kennedy



Evelyn Roberta Kennedy, 84, of Montezuma, died at Montezuma Care Initiatives Nursing Home under the care of Hospice on June 11, 2017.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 14, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory. Memorials may be left to Evelyn's family and a donation will be made to Hospice.

Evelyn Roberta Savage, the daughter of Bertha Holmes Savage and John E. Savage, Sr. was born Jan. 11, 1933, in her grandparents' home in Greenfield, Iowa. They moved many times during her childhood. She graduated from

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Newton High School in 1951.

Evelyn was united in marriage with Roy N. Kennedy on Jan. 1, 1954, in Newton, and they had three children. Evelyn worked at Newton Manufacturing and then stayed at home until Deb started school. She later worked for the Newton school district as a cook at various schools for five years until taking a job at Pyrafid Inc., where she retired from in 1995.

Evelyn was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Evelyn enjoyed doing things with her children and grandchildren – especially crafts, activities and traveling, including yearly trips to Michigan to visit her baby sister and family. She was the photographer of the family, always with a camera in hand.

She lived in Newton all of her adult life, moving to Grinnell in 2008 and Montezuma in 2016. Evelyn lived with her daughter from 2010 until December of 2016 when she moved to Montezuma Nursing Home. She is survived by her daughter Debra Kennedy of Montezuma; son, Dan Kennedy of Farrar; four grandchildren; a sister, Jeanie Ackerman of Olivet, Mich.; and two brothers, Donald Savage of Des Moines and Robert Savage of Austin, Texas; as well as many other relations.

She was preceded in death by her parents John in 1976 and Bertha in 2004; son, Mike in 2006; sister, Lois in 1999; brother, Leonard in 2008; and husband, Roy in 2008.