

Obituaries



Esther Shanklin
July 2, 1915 - Feb. 14, 2019

Esther Faye Lentz Shanklin, 103, was born on July 25, 1915 near Mt. Vernon, to Earl and Gertrude (Reasland) Lentz, and passed into the arms of God on Feb. 14, 2019 at Hallmar Care Center, Cedar Rapids. She was a graduate of Grant High School in Cedar Rapids and married H. Darrell Shanklin on July 17, 1937 at the parsonage of Olivet Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids. To their marriage were born three daughters, Patricia, Darlene, and Carol, and a son, William. The family lived in Marion, and then Independence. Esther and Darrell spent fifteen years of their retirement in Blue Eye, MO, before returning to Iowa to live in Mont-

ezuma in 1994.

Esther loved nature, bird watching, board games, the St. Louis Cardinals, and fishing trips to northern Minnesota, where she taught several generations how to properly bread and fry fresh fish. She was a pillar of strength and resilience and loved her family unconditionally. She always had a good story to tell.

She is survived by her children Darlene (Von) Elbert, Carol (Jimmy) Shelbourn, Bill (Sue) Shanklin; a son-in-law Dale Watts; Grandchildren Mark (Lisa) Watts, Brian Watts, Larry (Mitzi) Elbert, Leslie Kummerfeldt, Cori (Rod) Zimmerman, Keri Mulvaney, Sean (Susan) Mulvaney, Mauri and Abi Shelbourn, Brad Shanklin, and Matt and Michael Daughtery; by 17 great grandchildren; by three sisters: Trudy Hegarty, Beverly Lentz, and Suzan Johnson.

Her parents, Earl and Gertrude Lentz, her husband of 66 years H. Darrell Shanklin, a daughter Patricia Watts, and five siblings preceded Esther in death.

Service will be Saturday Feb. 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Family may be greeted at the funeral home one half hour before the service. Memorials may be directed to the Montezuma Fire and Ambulance.

The family wishes to thank Esther's home care providers, the staff at Hallmar, and the staff of Hospice of Mercy for their loving care.