

Record
Shirley Jean Mathes
Jun. 13, 1929 - Jan. 4, 2020

Shirley Mathes, 90 of Montezuma passed away Saturday evening, Jan. 4 at St. Francis Manor in



Grinnell surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services were Friday, Jan. 10, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis Manor Foundation Van Fund or the DAV. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Jean Mathes, the daughter of Arthur and Carolyn (Hartman) Blome, was born of June 13, 1929 in Hubbard. She graduated from Hubbard High School in 1947. She attended Broadlawns Nursing Training receiving her RN Degree. Shirley met and married H. Wallace Mathes on July 16, 1950 and they became the parents of six children: David, Kim, Connie, Cathie, Jon and Carolyn. Wally was stationed in Kentucky for a few years before returning to Iowa where they farmed with Wally's Father, Harry. When the children were all in school, Shirley began working at the Mahaska County Hospital as an RN. She attended coronary care training and then worked at the Grinnell Hospital in ICU. Through the years, she also worked as a nurse at Grinnell College, at the Pella Hospital and the Brooklyn Nursing Home. Shirley's family was the most important thing in her life. She attended many of their activities and was a wonderful grandma. When living in Montezuma, she was a member of the Montezuma Methodist Church, a local neighborhood club, and was very active with her children's activities in 4-H. She enjoyed square dancing, reading, camping at the Iowa State Fair, shopping, and TV shows.

Her legacy will be honored by her children, Connie Mathes of Montezuma, Cathie (Hector) Ochoa of Timberville, VA, Jon Mathes of Pella and Carolyn Mathes of Grinnell; her grandchil-

dren, Shelly (Chad) Allen, Kelly Moore, Mike Mathes, Matt (Mandy) Mathes, Jon (Tamara) Mathes, Jamie (Dylan) Cunningham, Melanie Mathes and Freddy Ochoa; 16 great grandchildren, one sister, Frances Bowers-Cook of Grinnell; two sisters-in-law, Freda (Bruce) Slawson, Joy Schwartz and Wanda Mathes along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wally; sons, David Mathes and Kim Mathes; a great granddaughter, Maddison Mathes; and her brother, Carroll Blome. 1-16-2020