

Frances J. Mullen, 99



Frances Josephine Mohr Mullen, 99, of Chariton and formerly of Montezuma, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at the Chariton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Her funeral service will be held at

10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the United Methodist Church, Montezuma. Family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.

Frances Josephine Mohr Mullen, the daughter of Grover Cleveland and Blanche Linza McAdams Mohr, was born on March 8, 1907, at Victor. Frances was the oldest of eight girls and one boy. She attended country school until the age of 10 when Guernsey school consolidated. Following her graduation from Guernsey, Frances worked for Equitable Life Insurance Company of Des Moines. On Nov. 4, 1925, Frances was united in marriage with Johnnie William Mullen Jr. at the Methodist Church in Guernsey. Frances and Johnnie operated a produce station in Guernsey and also farmed. In November of 1929, they

moved to Thornburg where they owned and operated a general merchandise grocery store, produce and feed store. On Feb. 1, 1947, the operated the Chrysler-Plymouth and Allis Chalmers Dealership in Montezuma. After Johnnie's death following an auto accident, Frances and her son, Roger, bought and operated an International Harvester and New Holland Dealership in New Sharon. In her later years, Frances moved back to Montezuma and worked at the Star Lanes Cafe until she was 80 years old. Frances sold her home in 2004 and went to live with her son and daughter-in-law at Lake Rathbun.

Those left to honor Frances' memory include her daughter, Joanne Edmundson of Fortville, Ind.; her daughter-in-law, Kay Mullen of Moravia; her 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Maxine McClain, Evelyn Bates, Grace Keller and Hazel Starkey.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie on Dec. 24, 1947; her son, Roger Ray Mullen; her son-in-law, Raymond Edmundson; her sisters, Ella Ochs, Bernice Oatés, Marjorie Wiedow and her brother, Phillip Mohr.

Memorials may be designated to Hospice.

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