

Lucille B. DeJong, 86



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Her funeral service was held Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m., at the United Meth-

odist Church in Montezuma. Burial was at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Lucille, the daughter of Emmett J. and Besse Fletcher Boyd, was born on July 4, 1920, in Moline, Ill. She graduated from Burlington High School and Burlington Junior College. She went on to Grinnell College and graduated in 1942 with a B.A. in Business Administration. On Sept. 3, 1946, Lucille was united in marriage with Earl LaVerne DeJong in Burlington. Lucille had worked for the Service Bureau at Grinnell College, The Poweshiek County ASCS Office, the Montezuma Elevator, The Montezuma Republican, and the Poweshiek County

Treasurer. She was an active member of the Methodist Church and the Lafayette Chapter No. 232 O.E.S.; she belonged to the Women's Society of Christian Service, Ken Club, Literary Club, Poweshiek County Red Cross Association, Iowa Federated Women's Club and Grinnell Hospital Women's Auxiliary. Lucille loved her family. She enjoyed reading, playing cards (especially bridge), and visiting with friends and neighbors. In her younger days, she enjoyed playing tennis and riding horses.

Those left to honor Lucille's memory include her sons Boyd (Gala) DeJong of Montezuma, and Gene (Kathy) DeJong of Oskaloosa, her five grandchildren, Pamela (Brock) Brown, Angela DeJong, Dana (Brent) DeJong-Boots, Amber DeJong and Carmen DeJong and one sister-in-law, Lavoe DeJong.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Earl in 1996; her three brothers-in-law; and two sisters-in-law.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Montezuma Methodist Church, the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department or the Montezuma Public Library.

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She is survived by her sons Boyd of Montezuma and Gene of Oskaloosa and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Earl in 1996.

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