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Maxine Dunnick, 97

A celebration of life for Maxine Dunnick, 97, will be held on June 9, at 10:30 a.m., at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Maxine, of Grinnell and formerly of Montezuma, passed away Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at the Mayflower Health Center in Grinnell. A private interment was held at Jackson Township Cemetery.

Ruth Maxine Dunnick, daughter of Elba Richards Mott and Aaron L. Leydens was born May 18, 1911, in New Sharon. Maxine attended New Sharon High School, graduating in 1929, with a normal training certificate. She taught three years at Lundt Country School southwest of New Sharon. She was united in marriage to Elmer Dunnick on Jan. 5, 1933, in Des Moines. To this union three children were born: Laurel, Veta and Ivan. They farmed in the Prairie City area, and then west of Montezuma. In 1942, they settled on a 140 acre farm near Deep River until Elmer's death in 1968. During this time, Maxine was active in the Farm Bureau Women's Group, the Deep River Methodist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She always raised a large garden, shared and canned the produce. She later moved into Montezuma and worked as a cook at the Montezuma School until retiring in 1980. In January of 1998, she moved to residential care at the Mayflower Homes in Grinnell. Maxine enjoyed bus tours, senior citizens activities and country music.

Maxine's memory is honored by her three children, Laurel (Dixie) Dunnick of Frisco, Texas, Veta (Richard) Hildebrand of Marion, and Ivan (Sue) Dunnick of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; her parents; and her daughter-in-law, Dixie Dunnick.

Mayflower Homes and the Alzheimers Association have been designated as memorials.

