

Verna M. Akery (DAN P.)

Funeral services for Mrs. Verna Akery, 85, of Brooklyn, were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 9, in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. Aaron Koskamp officiating.

Mrs. Akery died Friday, Dec. 6, 1996, in the Senior Home in Montezuma.

The organist was Marilyn Kriegel and the soloist was Terry Osborne. Special selections were "How Great Thou Art" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Honorary casketbearers were Nicki Akery, Catherine Dyer, Jon and Vicki Blomme, Jon and Tracy Wood, Randy Van Tomme and Roger Kriegel. Casketbearers were Kevin Dyer, Valerie Kriegel, Lance Akery, Rence Wille, Scott Akery and Carrie Akery. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Verna Marie Williams Akery, daughter of Frank and Nina Shook Williams, was born on July 17, 1911, on a farm near Montezuma.

She received her education in a rural school near Montezuma and the Montezuma High School, graduating from high school in 1930. That year, she was "Miss Montezuma." Following graduation from high school, Verna worked in Des Moines.

On Oct. 15, 1937, she was married to Dan P. Akery in Montezuma. They made their home in Brooklyn. Verna worked at the hot lunch program at BGM schools and worked as a waitress at various local restaurants including Jim and Mary's.

Mrs. Akery was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who died Oct. 14, 1973; an infant son, Thomas Frank Akery; two brothers, Francis and Raymond Williams; and one grandson, Dan Akery.

Surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Linda and Wayne Davis of Lovilia, and Carol and Dale Van Tomme of Guernsey; two sons and their wives, Richard "Butch" and Connie Akery of Blairstown and Pat and Jackie Akery of Brooklyn; one brother, Harold Williams of New Sharon; one sister, Doris Raisch of Urbandale; her good friend and companion, Homer Ryan of Brooklyn; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial fund has been established, and may be left with the Nevenhoven Funeral Home.

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