

Mary Ferguson BC 1-20-1999

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, Jan. 15, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma for Mary Lorena Albaugh Ferguson, 84, who died Jan. 13, 1999. The Revs. H. Burr Bryant, Howard Lord and John Darlington officiated, and the eulogy was given by Al Rabenold.

Alice Underwood was the organist, and soloist Rochelle Johnson sang "Higher Ground," "Will There be Any Stars in my Crown?" and "Go Now in Peace." Casket bearers were Scott Wiley, Harold Wheeler, Vince Johnson III, Doug Helm, Cliff Corbin, and Steve Cranston. Honorary bearers were Larry Homes and Lew Lundy. Interment was in the Jackson Township Cemetery.

Mary Lorena Albaugh was born Oct. 21, 1914, at Eddyville, the daughter of Ivan and Ida Moline Albaugh. She was raised in the Eddyville area, and graduated from Eddyville High School in 1931 at the age of 16. She attended State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls for a year and then taught in the Hardscrabble rural school for two years. She went back to Cedar Falls to summer school and qualified for a two-year course. She later taught school in Avery and Newton.

On Aug. 14, 1938, she married Loel Curtis Ferguson. They lived on a farm and among other things she sold honey. In 1959, tired of peddling honey, she returned to teaching, first at Lacey and then Montezuma. In 1965, she completed her bachelor's degree at William Penn College, the same year her son, David, graduated from medical school, and daughter Linda from nurse's school. She continued to teach at Montezuma for 16 years, totaling 26 years of teaching altogether.

She was a avid reader, studied world events and politics, and was knowledgeable about Cambodia, Vietnam and the rest of Indo-China long before they were in the popular press. She championed the cause of the underprivileged and oppressed, supporting Amnesty International, Klan Watch, and so forth. She opened her heart to students and befriended many who had few friends. She recycled long before it became the vogue.

She was financially conservative, and found it hard to travel unless there was an educational value. She attended world fairs, attending the 1933 Chicago fair, and others in Montreal, Seattle, Vancouver, Spokane and Knoxville. She and her husband traveled to Alaska and Hawaii, and most of the other 48 states.

Mary was a 4-H leader for many years, a member of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs for over 50 years, and was active in the Garden Club and Literary Club. She was very proud of her children, and enjoyed her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Loel; her son and his wife, Dr. David and Ann Ferguson of Grinnell; her daughters, Lois Ann Ferguson of Montezuma, and Linda and her husband, Dr. David Cranston of Grinnell; six grandchildren, Laura Ferguson and her husband, Scott Wiley, of Grinnell, Carlos Ferguson, Ithaca, N.Y., Lee Forrest Ferguson, Freiberg, Germany, Christopher Ferguson, Montezuma, Shelley Cranston of Centerville, and Cathy Cranston of Pella; a great-granddaughter, Katherine Ferguson Wiley; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma United Methodist church or the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.

(Loel C. Ferguson)

Mary Ferguson

Mary Ferguson, 84, of Montezuma died of a stroke Wednesday, Jan. 13, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Montezuma United Methodist Church, with burial in Jackson Township Cemetery.

She was a native of Eddyville and had lived in Montezuma for over 50 years. A retired teacher with the Montezuma schools, she was a member of the Montezuma Garden Club and Literary Club.

Surviving are her husband, Loel; one son, Dr. David Ferguson of Grinnell; two daughters, Linda Cranston of Grinnell and Lois Ann Ferguson of Montezuma; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma United Methodist Church or the Iowa Federation of Women Club.

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Mary Ferguson

Mary Lorena Ferguson, 84, of Montezuma died Wednesday, Jan. 13, at her home

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Montezuma United Methodist Church, with the Revs. H. Burr Bryant, John Darlington and Howard Lord officiating. Soloist was Rachel Johnson, and organist was Alice Underwood.

Casket bearers were Scott Wiley, Harold Wheeler, Vince Johnson III, Doug Helm, Cliff Corbin and Steve Cranston. Honorary bearers were Larry Homes and Lew Lundy. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma, with the Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of Ivan and Ida Moline Albaugh and was born Oct. 21, 1914, in Eddyville. She was raised in the Eddyville area and was a 1931 graduate of Eddyville High School.

She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for one year, then taught at the Hardscrabble rural school for two years. She returned to Cedar Falls for summer school and qualified for a two-year course, then taught in Avery and Newton.

She was married to Loel Curtis Ferguson Aug. 14, 1938. They lived on a farm. In 1959, she returned to teaching, first at Lacey and then at Montezuma. She completed her bachelor's degree at William Penn College in 1965 and continued to teach at Montezuma for 16 years.

Mrs. Ferguson was a 4-H leader for many years. She was a member of the Iowa Federation of Women Club for over 50 years and was active in the Garden Club and Literary Club.

Surviving are her husband; one son, David of Grinnell; two daughters, Lois Ann Ferguson of Montezuma and Linda Cranston of Grinnell; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma United Methodist Church or the Iowa Federation of Women Club.

MR Mary Ferguson, 84

Mary Lorena Albaugh Ferguson, 84,
died Jan. 13, 1999.

Her funeral was Friday, Jan. 15 at United Methodist Church in Montezuma with Rev. H. Burr Bryant, Rev. John Darlington and Rev. Howard Lord officiating.

Alan Rabenold gave the eulogy.

Music sung by Rachel Johnson was "Higher Ground," "Will There Be Any Star in My Crown?" and "Go Now in Peace." Ms. Johnson was accompanied by Alice Underwood, organist.

Casket bearers were Scott Wiley, Harold Wheeler, Vince Johnson III, Doug Helm, Cliff Corbin and Steve Cranston.

Honorary casket bearers were Larry Homes and Lew Lundy.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Mrs. Ferguson was born Oct. 21, 1914 in Eddyville to Ivan and Ida Moline Albaugh. She was raised in the Eddyville area and graduated from Eddyville High School in 1931 at the age of 16.

She attended State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls for a year and then taught in the Hardscrabble rural school for two years. She went back to Cedar Falls to summer school and qualified for a two-year course. She then taught school in Avery for two years and then, in Newton.

On Aug. 14, 1938, she married Loel Curtis Ferguson. They had three children, David Lee, Lois Ann and Linda Sue. The family lived on a farm and, among other things, Mrs. Ferguson sold honey.

She returned to teaching in 1959 at Lacey and then in Montezuma.

In 1965, she completed her bachelor's degree at William Penn College, the same year son David graduated from medical school and daughter Linda, from nursing school.

Mrs. Ferguson continued to teach in Montezuma for 16 years, totaling 26 years of teaching all together.

Her hobbies were many and varied. She enjoyed reading. She studied world events and politics, and was knowledgeable about Cambodia, Vietnam and the rest of Indo-China long

before it was in the popular press. She supported Amnesty International, Klan Watch, Heifer Project International, Habitat for Humanity and the Iowa Peace Institute.

She was an avid practitioner of recycling and she also enjoyed canoeing, swimming, Origami and, after her retirement, continued teaching and tutoring.

She and her husband traveled for educational purposes and attended numerous Elder-Hostel courses. She also enjoyed world fairs, attending the 1933 Chicago fair and others in Montreal, Seattle, Vancouver, Spokane and Knoxville, Ky.

She attended the 500th anniversary celebration of Columbus' discovery of the Americas in Columbus, Ohio in 1922. She and her husband traveled to Alaska and Hawaii and most of the lower 48 states.

She enjoyed movies and was fond of reciting poetry.

Mrs. Ferguson was a 4-H leader for many years. She also belonged to the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs for more than 50 years. She was a member of Garden Club and Literary Club.

She and Mr. Ferguson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 1998.

Mrs. Ferguson was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Loel; son, David and his wife Ann of Grinnell, Lois Ann of Montezuma, Linda and her husband, David Cranston of Grinnell; six grandchildren, Laura Ferguson and husband Scott Wiley of Grinnell, Carlos Ferguson now of Ithaca, NY, Lee Forrest Ferguson now of Freiberg, Germany, Christopher Ferguson of Montezuma, Shelley Cranston of Centerville and Cathy Cranston of Pella; a great-granddaughter, Katherine Ferguson Wiley; other family, many friends and former students.

Memorials may be made to the Montezuma United Methodist Church or the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs.