

Lula E. Cranston, 92

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Lula Evelyn (Mohr) Cranston, 92, of Deep River, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Montezuma.

Her funeral service was Wednesday, Aug. 11, at United Church of Deep River with Pastor Boyd Sparks officiating. Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.

Casket bearers were Mike Cranston, Mark Cranston, Pat Cranston, Troy Cranston, Jason Cranston, Jonathan Cranston, David Cranston and Brad Steele.

Lula was born March 29, 1912, on the family farm, four miles southwest of Victor. She was the eighth of twelve children born to Frank J. and May (Coats) Mohr. She graduated the salutatorian of her class at Guernsey School District in 1930. Due to her mother's illness, she stayed home the next three years to be "mom" to her four younger siblings and nurse her mother back to health. She was united in marriage to Cecil Cloyd Cranston on Oct. 8, 1933, at the home of her pastor in Marengo. They went to Chicago to the World's Fair for their honeymoon. Cecil and Lula farmed all of their lives at the farm home of Cecil's grandparents, Bort and Ida Cranston. Lula lived in the same home for 70 years.

She was a member of the United Church of Deep River and served on Parish Council, taught Sunday School and held various offices with the United Church Women. Many enjoyed meals provided by her when ill or bereaved. She was active with the Sunshine Sisters, a club Lydia Cranston started in 1927. Lula served as president from 1937-38 and again in 1974-75. Her real love was her family and family gatherings. She loved to care for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in any way she could including gardening, canning and freezing – all to share with her family. Her home was full of flowers and always a pleasure to enter.

She is survived by her three children, Jerry and Karen Cranston, of Deep River; Jim and Marlene Cranston, of Montezuma; and Greg and Rachel Cranston of Columbia, Mo.; twelve grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four sisters, Velma Fullmer, of California; Clelya Schultz, of Urbandale, Nan Yount, of Washington state, and Ella Mae Lyons, of Minneapolis; one brother, LaVern Mohr, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and other relatives and many friends.

A memorial in her name has been established for either the United Church of Deep River, the Deep River Community Center, or Grinnell Regional Hospice.