

Mabel P. Stanley, 89



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Her funeral service was Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell,

with the Rev. Don Job, of the Searsboro Friends Church, and the Rev. Dennis Dorsheimer, of the Jackson Church of Christ, Montezuma, officiating. Interment was at Lynnville Friends Cemetery.

Casket bearers were grandchildren Gary Briggs, Steve Deucore, Kevin Schultz, Tim Schultz, Lee Sharer and Dan Van Hoever.

Mabel was born the daughter of Gerrit and Minnie Van Englenberg Van Genderen on Nov. 4, 1914, at Taintor. She was raised and educated in the Lynnville area. Following her education, she worked as a maid cleaning area residences and businesses in Lynnville. She was united in marriage to Wilbur Stanley on Oct. 1, 1932, at Kahoka, Mo. To this union were born two daughters, Miriam and Maxine. The couple called Searsboro their home for much of their lives before moving to Searsboro Manor in 1981. Mabel and Wilbur traveled frequently. She would ride along with

Wilbur, coast to coast, as he hauled playground equipment for the Miracle Corporation of Grinnell. When Wilbur started his hand rail business, Mabel was at his side assisting him with various responsibilities. Her enjoyments included crocheting, embroidering, and baking delicious pies. She cherished the times her grandchildren would visit her. She looked forward to attending Sunday service at the Searsboro Friends Church to hear the Word of God.

Mabel is survived by her daughters, Miriam Schultz, and husband Doyle, of Lynnville, and Maxine Van Hoever, and husband Arlo, of Montezuma; her grandchildren, Sonja (and Gary) Briggs, Kevin (and Diane) Schultz, Tim (and Barb) Schultz, Penni (and Lee) Sharer, Dan Van Hoever, and Ginger (and Steve) Deucore; her five great-grandsons; her ten great-granddaughters; and her two great-great-granddaughters; her sister, Mildred Terpstra, and husband Al, of Lynnville; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; her brother, Wayne, and wife Bertha Maye Roberts, of Newburg, Ore., and several nieces and nephews.

Mabel was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur, in 1995; her sister, Evalina; her brothers, Everett, Harris, Glen, and Porter, who died in infancy.

Memorial contributions in her name may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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She is survived by two daughters, Miriam Schultz of Lynnville and Maxine Van Hoever of Montezuma; six grandchildren; five great grandsons; ten great granddaughters, two great great granddaughters; one sister Mildred Terpstra of Lynnville and one brother Wayne Roberts of Newburg. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister Evalina and four brothers, Everett, Harris, Glen and Porter.

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