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# Linna I. Vail

James A.  
Funeral services were held for Linna I. Vail, 99, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2001 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma with Rev. H. Burr Bryant, pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating. Music was provided by organist Miss Alice Underwood with selections "How Great Thou Art" and Sunrise Tomorrow". Casket bearers were Carl Berstler, Ed Berstler, Bruce Berstler, Randy Kohen, Jim Vail and Loren Sanders. Honorary casket bearers were Larry Sanders, David Hamilton, Ron Turner, Roy Wood, Ron Smith and Donald Strom. Interment was in Indianapolis Cemetery near What Cheer.

Memorials may be directed to American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

Linna I. Vail was born July 9, 1901 near Delta, Iowa, the daughter of James Washington and Martha Ellen (Sarvis) Shelby. She grew up and went to rural schools in Mahaska County and attended high school in Gibson and What Cheer, where she graduated with a Normal Training Teachers Certificate.

On Nov. 27, 1920 she was united in marriage with James A. Vail at the Christian Church Parsonage in Oskaloosa. To this union three children were born, Arlene, Luella and Harlan. They moved to their farm near Gibson, where they lived for 42 years. They were members

of the Indianapolis Christian Church. They retired and moved to Montezuma in 1962. They traveled and spent their winters in Texas. They transferred their church memberships to the Montezuma Christian Church.

James passed away on Oct. 30, 1982 in Harlingen, Texas. Shortly afterwards Linna moved to an apartment in Sunnyview Square. For the past few years she made her home at Garnett Place in Cedar Rapids and then the English Valley Care Center.

She was a member of the World War I Veterans Auxiliary and the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Auxiliary. Her hobbies were crocheting, embroidering and quilting.

She passed away Monday, April 2, 2001 at the English Valley Care Center at the age of 99 years, missing 100 years by just three months.

Linna is survived by her family, Arlene and Lyle Sanders, Montezuma, Luella and Delmar Berstler, Cedar Rapids and Harlan and Donna Vail, Keswick, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Mae Shelby, Richland, Iowa and Zelpha Robertson, Oskaloosa.

She will be greatly missed by her family and the many friends both here and in Texas.