

Maggie VanRoekel

Maggie Van Roekel, 89, of Montezuma, died March 5 in the Ottumwa Regional Health Center of heart failure. Services are March 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Community Church, Barnes City. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Pella.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Van Wyk of Pella and Veldine Scott of Ottumwa; five sons, Floyd of Guthrie Center, Dwight of Newton, Paul of Grinnell, and Marvin and Rae, both of Montezuma; three sisters, Grace Borrall of Newton, Kathryn Rozenberg and Dorothy Mullins, both of Monroe; and a brother, Gary Gezel of Pella.

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Maggie VanRoekel, 89, Montezuma, died Sunday afternoon, March 5, 1995 at Ottumwa Regional Health Center in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 1995 at Community Church, Barnes City, Ia. Pastor Jim Sears, Community Church, officiated the services. Mrs. Hazel Palmer was organist. Congregational hymn selections were "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "The Solid Rock." A reading entitled "Where The Roses Fade" was given by her daughter, Mrs. Betty VanWyk. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Pella, Ia.

Maggie, the daughter of John and Kate (Zylstra) Gezel, was born August 13, 1905 near Otley, Iowa. She attended rural school. On November 30, 1929 she was united in marriage with Harry B. VanRoekel at Monroe, Iowa. To this union ten children were born. They farmed in the Monroe area for many years before moving to their farm near Montezuma in 1958. Maggie worked at the Goeke and Baird Nursing Homes, as well as the Senior Home in Montezuma. They retired into Montezuma in 1973. After celebrating 50 years of marriage, Harry died September 29, 1980. Maggie was a

member of the Community Church in Barnes City, where she was active in its activities. She was also a member of the LGT Club and Forest Home Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sons, David and Robert in infancy, and John; one grandson, Vernie VanWyk; one great-granddaughter, Dana Dieleman; two sisters, Minnie Birkenholtz and Ann Hendricks; and one brother, Elmo Gezel.

Maggie is survived by two daughters and their husbands: Betty and Harold VanWyk of Pella, and Veldine and Paul Scott of Ottumwa; five sons and their wives: Floyd and Betty, Guthrie Center; Dwight and Kathy, Newton; Paul and Sandra, Grinnell; Marvin and Denise, Montezuma; and Rae and Brigitte, Montezuma; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one step-great grandchild; two great-great grandchildren; three sisters: Grace Borrall, Newton; Kathryn Rozenberg, Monroe; and Dorothy Mullins, Monroe; one brother, Gary Gezel, Pella; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to Montezuma Community School Playground Fund in care of Peoples Savings Bank, Montezuma, or Community Church of Barnes City.

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