



## Esther M. Vermeer

October 5, 1921 - January 3, 2011

Esther M. Vermeer, 89, a resident of Moses Lake passed away Monday, Jan. 3, 2011 at the Monroe House. Funeral services and committal will be held in Sioux Center, Iowa. Local arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. Arrangements in Sioux Center will be in care of Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Sioux Center.

Esther was born to Andrew and Alida (Berghuis) DeZeeuw on October 5, 1921 at the family home on the farm 3 ¾ miles from Sioux Center. She attended school at Plato No. 8. She graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1939. On June 6, 1939 she married Gerrit E. Vermeer. They lived on the family farm east of Sioux Center. They had five beautiful children, Marilyn Faye, Maxine Beth, Iva Jean, Everett Gale and Don Lee. Esther and Gerrit moved to Lynden, Washington in 1960, where they lived for 30 years. Then due to various circumstances moved around ending up in Ireton, Iowa from 2000 to 2008, returning to eastern Washington after the death of her oldest child to be closer to her three children.

Esther was active in 4-H, church work, women's bible study and was president of Woman's Classis (with the First Reformed Church) and Union of Cascades for several years. She loved her role as mother, wife and homemaker. She

enjoyed gardening, crocheting, canning, and baking and would share it with her family and friends. Fellowship time with family, neighbors and friends was always a highlight. In their later years Esther and Gerrit enjoyed camping in British Columbia.

She is survived by four children, Maxine Beth (Dave) Richner, Iva Jean (Larry) Vander Giessen, Everett Gale (Candy) Vermeer, and Don Lee Vermeer; one sister, Ruth (Jake) De Jong; two brothers, John (Ella) DeZeeuw and Earl (Lila) DeZeeuw; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, Esther was preceded in death by her daughter, Marilyn, two sisters, Vera Taylor and Norma Vander Berg, one brother, Roger DeZeeuw.

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of Esther, her wonderful cooking, her warm hugs, her beautiful smile and her infectious laugh. She lived a life of love and compassion and she leaves this world a better place for having lived in it. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Carlene##imported-begin##Carlene Bode##imported-end##

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January 15, 2011 at 05:51 PM



“ Hello Don and Everett,  
I was so sorry to hear of your loss of your mom. She was such a kind sweet lady. We lost my mom suddenly in November and we are grieving with you as you go through such a difficult time. Blessings to you. Sally##imported-begin##Sally Shea Van Kooten##imported-end##

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January 13, 2011 at 11:56 PM



“ I was really glad I had a chance to know her and be thier for her. She was a great Lady and will be missed alot.  
You are in my prayers and toughts

Karlene Cech a CNA at Monroe House.##imported-begin##Karlene Cech##imported-end##

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January 06, 2011 at 07:59 PM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold tight to all of the good memories of your mother and grandmother and the life that she led.##imported-begin##Clark Scholten##imported-end##

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January 05, 2011 at 08:45 AM



“ Vermeer Relatives: You have our heart-felt sympathy in the Heavenly Home-going of your beloved mother and grandmother. She was also a special aunt. May God give you comfort and peace in these days. We pray you also experience the same hope that Esther had in the power through Jesus over the grave.

Shawn Scholten and family##imported-begin##Shawn Scholten##imported-end##

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January 04, 2011 at 06:06 PM



“ Paul and I are thinking of your family during this difficult time. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Paul and Patty Sneller##imported-end##

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