



## M. Maxine Vandeventer

June 8, 1919 - September 29, 2020

Mildred “Maxine” VanDeventer, 101, of 301 7th Street NW, Rockford, Iowa, died Tuesday morning, September 29, 2020, at the Nora Springs Care Center.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 am, Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma, Iowa. Officiating will be Rev. Dennis Burns of First United Methodist Church, Rockford, Iowa. The family requests that all attending wear masks and practice social distancing. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Maxine VanDeventer Memorial Fund in care of the Fullerton Funeral Home. Those funds will be disbursed to her favorite charities.

Maxine was born on June 8, 1919, on the Ramsey family farm south of Brooklyn, Iowa. She was the only child of Ross and Lola Pauline Ramsey. She graduated with the class of 1936 from the Brooklyn High School. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, Richard Lazell “Van” VanDeventer at the Ramsey residence in Brooklyn on March 30, 1941.

Three children were born to this union. During WWII while Van was serving his country, Maxine remained in Montezuma with their first born, Richard. After the war, David and Donna completed the family. In 1950, they moved to Rockford where they made their home until 1996 when they moved to Mason City. Following her husband’s death in 2009, she moved back to Rockford in

2019. For many years, she worked for the local furniture store beginning with Weaver, then Wilcox, and then Schumburg. She knew so much about furniture! She really enjoyed working with the high school kids ordering flowers for homecoming and prom as well. She retired in 1973.

Traveling was a passion for her and Van. They visited every continental state except one, and also enjoyed trips to Canada. They enjoyed dancing to big band music. She enjoyed spending time with family, cooking for them, and loved to host large extended family gatherings. Most of all, she loved being with her great grandchildren. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Rockford Eastern Star.

Surviving Maxine is daughter Donna and husband Mike Smith, Rockford; David and wife Christy VanDeventer, Algona; four grandchildren--Tony (Erin) Smith, Kaci VanDeventer, Brandi (Curtis) Jones, and Kelli (Richard) Penton; and two great-grandsons--Nicholas and Hayden Smith.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband R.L.VanDeventer in 2009, son Richard in 1965, and her parents.

Fullerton Schumburg Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 302 West Main, Rockford, Iowa 50468 641-756-3311, [www.fullertonfh.com](http://www.fullertonfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Jackson Township Cemetery

Montezuma, IA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM.

Jackson Township Cemetery  
Montezuma, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *M. Maxine Vandeventer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My dear Aunt Rose lived above your mom at Deville apartment in Mason. Rose spoke so fondly of Maxine. I met her once while I was visiting Rose, it was my birthday, and also your mom's! June 8. You had put all of the decorations in the yard, so I enjoyed them as well. 🥹 So very sorry to hear of Maxine's passing. Rose passed as well on October 2nd. I'm sure they will be joyfully reunited in heaven ❤️*

**Gina Hotovy** - October 06, 2020 at 04:08 AM

BJ

*Thanks for the kind words Gina. Sorry to hear about Rose. Grandma would talk about her often and enjoyed her company.*

**BRANDI JONES** - October 11, 2020 at 11:19 AM

MS

“ *Sending my condolences on Maxine's passing and I hope this finds you surrounded by strength and compassion. What a pretty photo you shared of her today and to reach 101 is remarkable! Marcia Bachman Sutliff*

**Marcia Bachman Sutliff** - October 02, 2020 at 02:48 PM

SS

“ So many memories came rushing to mind when I received the news this morning...week long visits to Maxine and Zell's house in the summer, hours of tree swinging, watching games at the ballpark, Van in uniform, Donna and David were my teenage role models, tables overloaded with yummy homemade food...and to this day, I have a “pixie” haircut! Maxine's house was always loaded with love and laughter. Heaven has gained a new angel, our loss. Hugs to all.  
Sue Bachman Statton

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**Sue Bachman Statton** - October 02, 2020 at 09:18 AM

DD

“ donna, You did such a gd job keeping your mom at her apt. as long as you could. Tank you for the opportunity to help your mom. God is good He called her home so she could be with Van and you can be at peace knowing she is very much O.K. in God's kingdom. God Bless donnadunlap

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**donna dunlap** - September 30, 2020 at 06:35 PM