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Mary Louise Doggett, age 87 of Numa, Iowa, passed away Sunday, October 06, 2013 at the Centerville Nursing and Rehab Center in Centerville, Iowa.

Mary Louise Melton Doggett, was born May 24, 1926, in Centerville, Iowa, to Albert and Carrie Parcel Melton. This kind and gentle soul has accepted an invitation to be with the Lord, this new position begins immediately.

Mary lost her parents at an early age and along with brothers, Robert and Fred Melton, lived with relatives until they were old enough to go out into the world on their own. Mary graduated from Centerville High School in 1944. She was soon to meet the love of her life, Raymond Neil Doggett; they were married April 8, 1945. She became a part of the Doggett family and waited anxiously for Neil to return from his United States Navy assignment in World War II.

A loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother, Mary lived her faith on a daily basis. She chose the path of housewife while her children were still at home. She filled her days with knitting, community projects, school affairs, friends and looking after those in need. A dedicated student of the Bible, she taught Sunday school classes from pre-school to adult at the Numa Methodist church and later at the Seymour United Methodist church. A consummate listener, she took it upon herself to transport friends and neighbors to countless appointments, never taking a penny, and sometimes staying with them at the hospital when necessary. She read to shut-ins and along with Neil, visited those who moved to care centers and had extended hospital stays. She made time for anyone in need, and made them welcome in her home during the holidays, her heart and door was always open.

When Neil purchased the Seymour Cleaners she helped part-time in the shop, and later took a position as the substitute post-mistress at the Numa post office. She never had a bad word to say about anyone preferring to look for the good in those she met. Her family was her life and she gave them her most precious possessions,



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her time and her love. When she made the decision to leave the independence of her home and move to an assisted living facility she shared this thought: "my life has been like an Oreo cookie, a little bittersweet on both ends ... but oh, how wonderful the middle."

Those who knew Mary will miss the caring, patient and giving person who touched so many lives, gave so many hope and served her Lord so well. Those same people will cherish the gift of love she left behind and celebrate her heavenly position. She is survived by her three children, Peggy Carter of Lincoln, Nebraska, Dennis (Sherri) Doggett of Seymour, Iowa, and Denise (Randy) Eddy of Centerville, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Amy (Rick) Carter Allen, Emily (Tony) Carter-Walsh, Ty (Mindy) Doggett, Kari (Jason Quinn) Doggett Camenisch, Morgan (Clint) Collins, Shannon and Rachel Eddy; nine great grandchildren, Steele and Beau Allen, Dylan and Kieran Walsh, Porter and Tate Doggett, Cael Camenisch, Jordan and Ava Collins; brother Robert Melton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and sister-in-law Carol Melton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Neil Doggett; son Alan Doggett; a brother Fred Melton; and sister-in-law Marilyn Melton.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, October 12, 2013 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Pastor Mike Finn officiating. Burial will follow in the Numa Cemetery. A visitation will be held all day Friday at Lange Funeral Home with the family present from 6-8 PM that evening. Memorials have been established to either the Seymour Methodist Church or the Numa Cemetery Association and may be given to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

October 11, 2013 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

October 12, 2013 2:00 PM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:19 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

There are many memories of Neil and Mary being wonderful parents of Dennis (my Seymour class of '66 classmate), his older sister Peggy (who was closer in years to my brother David, class of 62), and Denice. Mary and Neil were not only great parents, but they were great for the Seymour Cleaners and the community. Dennis has continued serving Seymour with his teaching and coaching career, years of writing The Back Page in the Seymour Herald, and creating another generation of family that followed Mary's and Neil's example of community and family. Mary will be missed by community and family, but now the Lord has another angel. Posted by Allan Curtis - Hanson, KY - friend of family
October 16, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We know this has been a difficult time and our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Colleen would so like to be with you all and we all send our love. I have sent this beautiful write up to both Shelby and Ryan. I wish the kids and I could have known her better. Bob has such fond memories. Love, Terri
Posted by Bob & Terri Hutchinson October 10, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our condolences to you all. I'm sure I've met her along the way. She must have been Royalty, because she married a Prince of a Man. I worked with Neil, in fact hired him at McGraw Edison, for six years and always enjoyed being around him. He was a great human being and from reading the obituary, they must have been two of a kind! Posted by Jerry Power - Moravia, IA - Friend
October 08, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace.

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