

**E**lnora Fitchett, age 87, of Newell, Iowa passed away at Loring Hospital in Sac City Iowa on Monday, March 13, 2006.

Elnora Josephine Marie Fitchett was born on August 2, 1918 to William and Helene (Hammer) Just in Douglas Township in Sac County, Iowa. She lived with her family on a farm southeast of Newell; and attended Sac County Rural School and Newell Consolidated School. Elnora was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Newell. She remained a lifelong and faithful member, serving as a Bible School teacher and as member of the United Methodist Women. Elnora was also an active member of the Newell Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodge in Newell for 60 years.



On December 28, 1936, Elnora was united in marriage to LeRoy Thomas Fitchett at the Methodist Parsonage in Storm Lake. Their union was blessed with two children: Beverly Kay and Barbara Mae. They made their home on a farm southeast of Newell.

Elnora was a proud member of the Newell community. She baked and decorated wedding cakes for 40 years, and ran the E&L Café in Newell for 8 years. Elnora and her husband, LeRoy, also had a catering business for 20 years. She enjoyed baking cakes for her children and grandchildren.

Her family was very special to her and she loved to have them visit—her family's annual summer reunion was always a source of happiness for Elnora. For the past four years Elnora took great pleasure getting together monthly with all her sisters. She enjoyed the many visits by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Elnora is survived by her husband, LeRoy Fitchett of Newell; two daughters: Beverly Morris of Milford and Barbara Helman of Peterson; ten grandchildren: Don Wise of Sioux City, Linda (David) Nase of Milford, Nancy (Jason) Peterson of Sutherland, Brian (Ann) Wise of Newell, Jennifer (Dick) Bennett of Rembrandt, Alicia (Matthew) McDanel of El Dorado, Kansas, Sherry (Jason) Langschwager of Wayne, Nebraska, Penny (Keith) Elder of Orange City, Rachel Helman of Ocala, Florida, and Sarah (Wesley) Purvis of Duluth, Minnesota; and 18 great-grandchildren: Jacob, Andrew, Daniel, and Heather Nase, Christopher Wise, Aaron Jansen, Cole and

Corinne Wise, Paige and Marlayna Bennett, Emmaline, Dominic, and Xavier McDanel, Samantha and Taylor Langschwager, Luke and Dawson Elder, and Dana Purvis; one brother: Merlin (Becky) Just of Tenaha, Texas; five sisters: Nelma Rix of Fonda, Donna (Leroy) Dirks of Fonda, Verna Mae (Dale) Miller of Newell, Myrna (Harry) Johnson of Fonda, and Helene Johnson of Lake City; as well as many other family members and a host of friends.

Elnora was preceded in death by her parents, William and Helene Just; four grandchildren: Diane Wise, Julie Wise, Luke Helman, and Angela Helman; one son-in-law: David Helman; two brothers: Norvin Just and Loren Just; and two brothers-in-law: Edward Rix and Allen Johnson; and one sister-in-law, Violet Just.

# *In Loving Memory*



**Elnora Fitchett**

**"Toots"**

**1918—2006**

## God's Garden

God looked around His garden and  
He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you,  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful;  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would  
never get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough and  
the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids and  
whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.

-author unknown

*W*e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

*Elnora's Family*

## IN MEMORY OF

*Elnora Fitchett*

August 2, 1918 — March 13, 2006

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Newell, Iowa

### CLERGY

Reverend David Schumann

### ORGANIST

Donna Larsen

### SOLOIST

Dale Arends

"How Great Thou Art"

"Going Home"

### FLOWER COMMITTEE

Debra Davis — Evelyn Henrich

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Beyond the Sunset"

"Good Night and Good Morning"

### HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Elnora's 10 Grandchildren

Don Wise, Linda Nase, Nancy Peterson, Brian Wise, Jennifer Bennett

Alicia McDanel, Sherry Langschwager, Penny Elder, Rachel Helman, Sarah Purvis

and 18 Great-Grandchildren

### CASKETBEARERS

Kenneth Johnson, Merlin Joe Just, Marvin Dirks, Dyle Rockafellow

Gerald Just, Bart Putney, Dennis Miller

### INTERMENT

Newell Cemetery — Newell, Iowa

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