

Esther Katherine McKenzie was born March 31, 1926 in Norwalk, lowa to Lyle and Matilda Gates. She was the youngest of 6 children, all of whom were brothers. When she was starting first grade, her oldest brother was graduating from high school.

She reminisced about the days when her mother would wrap their lunches in newspaper, her favorite past time was playing baseball with her brothers, and she did chores around the house for her parents.

She attended Nursing school in DesMoine, Iowa. She then traveled to Denver, where she met her husband, Roger McKenzie. In 1949, they were blessed with their first child Michael Shannon, and Jeffrey Lyle in 1951. They were married for almost 60 years.

Esther worked many years as a registered nurse, but her favorite position was at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital as the Director of Medical Records. Esther and Roger loved to travel, and Esther avidly journaled about each adventure- to include how much oil they used...down to the price of a potato bought for supper.

Her hobbies included knitting, sewing, gardening, playing cribbage, reading, walking, planning family reunions, and most importantly- helping others. She also loved to spend quality time with her three grandkids- Colin, Daniel, and Katherine.

She was very involved in the community. Esther was a founding member as well as on the board of directors at the Senior Center for 6 years, delivered meals on wheels for 30, and was also very devoted to her faith and the church. All of the volunteering she did led her to receive the Keystone Award in 2015. Esther was also a silver haired legislature and a teacher at Taylor School.

She was preceded in death by her Sons, Micheal and Jeff, her husband Roger, and her brothers- Ralph, Martin, Frank, Glen, and Connelly Gates.

Esther is survived by her three grandkids- Colin, Daniel, and Katherine McKenzie, her daughter in law Rosanne Fitzgerald, and multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

~ Matthew 11:28-30



In Loving Memory of

Esther Katherine McKenzie

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 10:00 am First Presbyterian Church

OFFICIATING

Pastor Paul Hayden

MUSIC

On Eagles Wings ~ Mirian Nance

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Colin McKenzie

Daniel McKenzie

T.J. Fergenson

Jeff McKenzie

Roger McKenzie

Tommy Alderson

Michael McKenzie

