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On February 25, 1988, our grandmother, Juanita Pederson will celebrate her 80th birthday. We are making big plans to mark the occasion. First you're invited to a party in her honor on Sunday February 28, 1988, 2-4pm, First Baptist Church, Vinton, Iowa.

For a special gift, we are making a memory quilt, lap robe size. We hope every branch of her descendents will share in this. To get you started we've included a square of muslin to work on, if you choose. Make your square anyway you like, there are only three requirements: It must be the size of this fabric square (10 inches square with 1/2-inch borders for a total of 11 inches square) to fit the finished blanket. Be sure it's washable. And, include the names of your family members in the design. We know there is a lot of talent out there, and we encourage imagination. Be very elaborate if you are able or simply sign names. If you need hints, here are some methods etc. you can use:

Pieced quilting
Cross stitch
Candlewicking
Liquid embroidery (comes in tubes; writes like a ballpoint pen)
Floss embroidery
Fabric paint (better for making a picture; use with brushes)
Fabric crayons (available at fabric stores)
Applique

Be sure to finish and return your square by February 1 to:
Eve Mahr
1305 46th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50311

We also want to put together a scrapbook that can be displayed at the birthday reception and that she can treasure in the years ahead. Please send old and new family photos you would like to have included by January 15th to:

Tereasa Spradlin
845 Winding Way
Bartlesville OK 74006

Thank you for your prompt response to these requests. Juanita is looking forward to this joyful celebration with family and friends. Of course, many of you will be unable to be physically present, but we know you be present in spirit and can send your birthday wishes to Juanita at her home address:

Mrs. Grant Pederson

605 W. 6th Street
Vinton IA 52349

Sincerely,
Eve Pederson Mahr
Teresa Spradlin
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