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Melvin Arvidson, 90

Melvin Arvidson 90, of Montezuma, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2003 at Rosehaven Nursing Home in Marengo, IA, following a long illness.

His funeral was held Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with Rev. Kate Stangl of First Presbyterian Church of Sigourney, IA, officiating. Rhonda Minner, soloist and Alice Underwood, organist provided the music. Burial was at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Casket bearers were Ronald Arvidson, Brad Arvidson, Curtis Ferguson, Brent Arvidson, Rodney Arvidson and Marvin Blain.

He was born May 8, 1912 at Montezuma, IA, the son of Benjamin and Gertrude (Peterson) Arvidson. He attended country school and helped his father farm. On November 23, 1940, he was united in marriage with Viola Dugger at Macon, MO. They farmed in the Montezuma area where they raised three daughters. Melvin also did survey work for the county. As a young man,

he played baseball and was known for his pitching skills. He also enjoyed bowling and gardening for many years. In 1981,

they retired and moved into Montezuma. Viola died August 18, 1990.

Melvin is survived by his three daughters and their husbands, Shirley and Max Rogers



of Cedar Rapids, IA, Laure and Logan Grapp of Escondido, CA, and Pam and Fred Neely of Delta, IA; 1 sister, Viola McDowell of Montezuma; many nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Viola; 5 brothers, Carl, Harold, Donald, Emil and Elmer; and 1 sister, Ruth.

Melvin's generosity and great sense of humor will be remembered by all who knew and loved him.