Erwin E. Jordan, 86

Erwin E. Jordan, 86, of Grinnell, died Monday, Dec. 2, at his home in Seeland Park, Grinnell.

His funeral service was Friday, Dec. 6, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. George M. Saltzave, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Casket bearers were Mike Maschmann, Dennis Maschmann, Kenny Maschmann, Bob Maschmann, Bryan Beaderdahl, John Beaderdahl and Charlie Sheets.

Honorary casket bearers were Beth Sheets, Linda Maschmann, Michael Billings, Lance Johnston, Lex Johnston, Logan Johnston, Spencer Johnston and Jordan Rekemeier.

Military graveside rites were performed by members of the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 and interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery.

Erwin was born Oct. 3, 1916, in Poweshiek County, the son of Earl W. and Edna E. (Light) Jordan. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1936. He was united in marriage with Margaret A. "Bobbie" Cox Oct. 27, 1939, at Osceola. To this union two daughters were born, Judith and Jo Anne. He lived all of his life in Montezuma. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He had worked for Brownell's and then owned and operated a Phillips 66 Station before going to work for Virgil and Helen James in the produce, feed and hardware business. It later became H & J Fertilizer, and he retired in 1987 after 24 years with them. He was a member of the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 and the V.F.W. Post No. 8876, both of Montezuma. He had also been a member of the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

Erwin enjoyed collecting guns and miniature cars. He also enjoyed working in his wood shop after retirement. Erwin and Bobbie moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell last year, and Bobbie died Oct. 25.

Erwin is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Judith Johnston-Slothouber and Kenneth Slothouber of Newton, and Jo Anne and David Burke of Jacksonvile, Ark.; four grandchildren, Terri Rekemeier of Sanibel, Fla.; Doug Johnston of Montezuma; Sherri Johnston of Newton; and Margaret Gilbreath of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six great grandchildren, Michael Billings, Lance, Lex, Logan and Spencer Johnston, and Jordan Rekemeier; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to Camp Courageous or Grinnell Regional Hospice.
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He is survived by two daughters, Judie Johnston of Newton and Jo Anne Burke of Jacksonville, Ark.; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.