S. Dale Montgomery, 82

S. Dale Montgomery, 82, of Brooklyn, and formerly of Deep River, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at the V.A. Medical Center in Des Moines.

His funeral service was Friday, Aug. 29, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with Mr. Marvin Freeborn of Barnes City officiating. Military graveside rites were performed by members of the Fuller-Sarvis American Legion Post No. 507. Interment was at the Barnes City Cemetery.

Casket bearers were Terry Montgomery, Shaun Gillam, Josh Gillam, Charles Henry, Steve Schuldt and Steve Deacore.

Honorary casket bearers were Paul D. Mason, Cliff Schultz, Floyd Baethke, Edward Henry, Sr., Darrin Ehret, Leslie Steele and Ron Schuldt.

Dale was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Mahaska County, the son of Paul and Mary (Murr) Montgomery. He graduated from Barnes City High School in 1939. Dale served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. On May 23, 1942, Dale was united in marriage with Frances Bunn at Lancaster, Mo. To this union, two children were born. At the age of nine, Dale moved with his family to the same farm he has farmed for 52 years. They retired and moved to Brooklyn three years ago. Dale was an active member of the Fuller-Sarvis American Legion Post No. 507 at Barnes City. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Terry in 1975; a son-in-law, Roger Gillam and a brother, Paul E. Montgomery.

Dale is survived by his wife, Frances, of Brooklyn; a daughter, Bev Gillam of Ollie; a daughter-in-law, Melody Montgomery of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Terry Montgomery of Grinnell, Shaun (and Stacy) Gillam of What Cheer, and Josh Gillam of Ollie; a step-great-grandson, Dillon Hartwig, a brother, Don (and Janice) Montgomery of Marshalltown; a sister-in-law, Betty Montgomery of Delta; many Bunn brothers and sisters-in-law; and other relatives and many friends.

A memorial has been established in his name for the Barnes City American Legion Post.