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Homer D. Taylor, 81

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Homer Donald Taylor, 81, of Montezuma, died suddenly Thursday evening, Jan. 2, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral service was Monday, Jan. 6, at Watts Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. George M. Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Military graveside rites were performed by the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 and interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Casket bearers were Rick Taylor, Steven Taylor, Brent Taylor, Dale Gilman, John Martin and Bob Martin.

Honorary casket bearers were Fred Riddle, Dick Bowers, Farrell Johnson, George Strable and Rae VanRoekel.

Homer was born Aug. 6, 1921, near Sigourney, the son of Clyde and May (Cabler) Taylor. He was united in marriage with Violet M. Heitsman at Lancaster, Mo., on Feb. 7, 1942, and to this union, two sons were born, Gary and Richard. They lived south of Montezuma. Homer worked for National By Products

for 35 years before retiring at age 67. He continued to do seasonal work for Farm Service. He was a member of the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 and the V.F.W. Post No. 8876, both in Montezuma, the Jaggy Club and the 50+ Club of New Sharon. He enjoyed cracking and selling nuts, fishing, hunting, and making his Elderberry Wine. He also enjoyed his WWII reunions.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet, on July 17, 1978; his son, Gary on Aug. 26, 1994; two grandchildren; and three brothers, Earl, Harold and Marvin Taylor.

Homer is survived by son Rick (and fiancée Beth) of Barnes City; a daughter-in-law, Barbara (wife of the late Gary Taylor) of Montezuma; 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; two sisters, Eva Boone of Waterville, Minn., and Lois Ford of Bussey; a sister-in-law, Lois Taylor of Montezuma; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion or V.F.W.