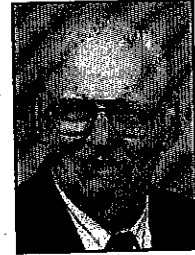## Elvin Bensink, 90

Elvin Bensink, 90, of Montezuma, died Monday, April 26, 2010, at his home. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 28, at the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. George Salnave officiating. Interment was held in the Oakwood Cemetery at Pella.

Elvin Harold Bensink was born July 27, 1919, on a farm five miles north of Pella, the son of Henry and Dena Van Roekl Bensink. He was the youngest with two sisters, Verna and Ardelia. He grew up helping the farm operation with his father. Elvin was married to Eunice Marie Sutton on Feb. 19, 1947. The couple then moved to the same farmstead where Elvin was born and raised. To this union, two children were born, Ronald Edwin and Rita Diane. Eunice died July 12, 1972. Elvin continued farming until 1975. On Feb. 8, 1975, he was united in marriage to Willa Mae Dieleman of Montezuma at the First Presbyterian Church. Elvin worked for Poweshiek County until his retirement in 1984. He and Willa enjoyed traveling, woodworking and crafts. Elvin enjoyed building cradles and rocking horses for the grandchildren, quilt holders and many other pieces. The couple looked forward to selling their work at various craft shows around the state. After they stopped attending the shows, Elvin continued making wooden toys for ministries in Pella and Montezuma to be shipped to orphanages and under-privileged areas. He was an active member of the Montezuma Lions Club and the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma.

Elvin is preceded in death by his parents; a wife, Eunice Bensink; and two sisters, Verna Steenhoek and Ardelia Steenhoek.

He is survived by his wife, Willa; a son, Ron (Danielle) Bensink; a daughter, Rita (Larry) Cowell; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three stepsons, Gail (Linda) Dieleman, Bruce (Nancy) Dieleman and Randall (Susan) Dieleman; six step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.