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**OBITUARIES**

**Howard McKee, 91**

Howard McKee, 91, of Montezuma, passed away Monday, May 3, 2010, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City. A Celebration of Life was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 8, at the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma with the Rev. George Salnave officiating. Interment will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Memorials may be directed to the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church or the Montezuma Fire Department. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at [www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com](http://www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com). Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Howard Gorsuch McKee, son of William and Ethel (Gorsuch) McKee was born on Dec. 9, 1918, in rural Montezuma. He was a 1937 graduate of Montezuma High School. Howard attended Iowa State University for one year before he started farming with his father. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in October of 1941, where he was a mechanic and a mechanic instructor at Keesler Field, Miss. He was stationed overseas in the China-Burma-India Theater. After Howard was honorably discharged in December of 1945, he returned home and continued farming. On Aug. 18, 1946, Howard was united in marriage to Harriet Farstrup, whom he met through his sister while teaching together at Granger. To this union four children were born, Elizabeth, Craig, Helen and Rodney. Howard enjoyed airplanes, servicing cars and any kind of mechanic work. He and Harriet enjoyed square dancing and spending time with their grandchildren. Howard was a member of the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church, Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post 196 and the Farm Bureau.

His memory is honored by his children, Elizabeth (Richard) Gnida of Iowa City, Craig (Joan) McKee of Arlington, Va., Helen McKee-Alexander and Bruce Alexander of Iowa City, and Rodney (Roxann) McKee of Montezuma; one sister, Dorothy Mitas of Omaha, Neb.; nine grandchildren, Andrew (Michelle) Gnida, Tanya Gnida, Mary McKee, Martha McKee, Kyle Alexander, Devyn Alexander, Eryn Alexander, Tyler McKee and Katurah McKee; and three great-grandchildren, Lou, Zeb and Eleanor Gnida.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Harriet; one brother, Raymond McKee; one sister, Grace McCready; and an infant brother, William.