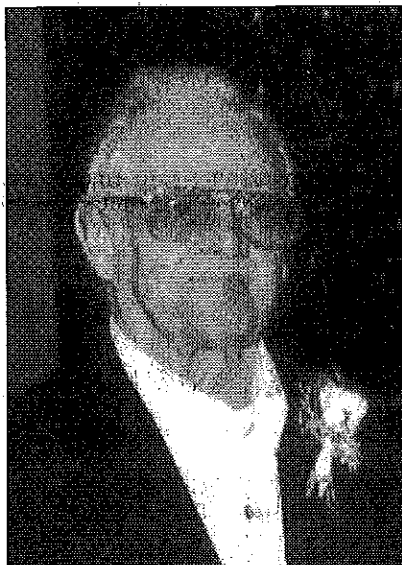


Marvin P. Dayton



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Memorials may be made to the Montezuma Ambulance Fund.

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He was united in marriage with Roma Joy Matteson in August, 1952, and they made their home in Grinnell. He was employed at International Harvester for several years, later as letter carrier for 21 years for the United States Post Office.

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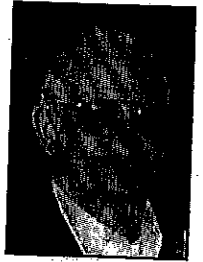
He had been a member of American Legion Post #733 since 1945, a Boy Scout leader and participated in a bowling league.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his son and daughters, Clark Dayton of Pasadena, Md., Kim Dayton of Marshalltown and Lori Beason of Beacon; four stepchildren Steve Phipps of Soldotna, Alaska, Connie Yearian of Grinnell, Cindy Ritchie of Montezuma, and Ron Phipps of Choctaw, Okla.; three grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; three brothers, Wayne Dayton of Grinnell, Eugene Dayton of New Sharon and Lawrence Dayton of Malcom, and one sister Roberta Dayton of Eldridge. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Lucille Innis.

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Marvin was a member of the American Legion Post #733 in Malcom since 1945, and had participated in many offices and activities. He was very patriotic and for several years had been a Boy Scout leader. He had traveled to all 50 states. He enjoyed spending time with his family, working in his vegetable garden, camping, fishing at Diamond Lake near Montezuma, and participating in a bowling league. He enjoyed working with wood and was noted for his craftsmanship.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of Montezuma; three children, Clark (Pat) Dayton of Pasadena, Md., Kim Dayton of Marshalltown, and Lori (Jeff) Beason of Beacon; four step-children, Steve (Judy) Phipps of Soldotna, Alaska, Connie (Larry) Yearian of Grinnell, Cindy Ritchie of Montezuma, and Ron (Sherri) Phipps of Choctaw, Okla.; three grandchildren, Melissa, Emily, and Stacey; eight step-grandchildren, Michael, Joseph, Melissa, Levi, Cody, Gregory, Charyl; four great-grandchildren, Jimmy, Olivia, Taylor, and Isaac; two step-great-grandchildren, Makenna and Keaton; three brothers, Wayne of Grinnell, Eugene of New Sharon, and Lawrence of Malcom; one sister, Roberta Dayton of Eldridge; and many nieces and nephews.

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