Melvin Snider, 83

Melvin Snider, 83, formerly of Ottumwa, passed away Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, at the Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7, at the West Liberty Cemetery in Montezuma. Interment was in the West Liberty Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Pickwick Church in Ottumwa. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblenurseryhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Melvin Lee Snider, son of Fay and Cecile (Tish) Snider, was born on Aug. 30, 1927, in Montezuma. Melvin graduated from Montezuma High School in 1946. During high school, he worked for various farmers and at the Poweshiek County Home. Melvin received his Limited Elementary Teaching Certificate from William Penn in the fall of 1946. He taught at several county schools. Melvin received the Lifetime Standard Elementary Teaching Certificate in 1959 from William Penn. Melvin taught and coached at Kinross, Martinsburg and Tracy schools while receiving his B.S. degree in education from Drake University in 1963. Melvin continued his education and obtained his M.A. degree in Elementary Administration from N.E. Missouri State University in 1964. Melvin spent 31 of his 41 year teaching career in the Ottumwa school district before retiring in 1967. Melvin attended the Pickwick Church of Christ and taught adult Sunday School classes for many years. He enjoyed reading, keeping up on current events and staying involved with church activities.

Melvin is survived by nieces and nephews, Larry (Rachel) Snider of St. George, Utah, Sandra (Cecil) Bodeman of Greenfield, Ind., Darrel (Bonnie) Snider of Coshocton, Ohio, Dennis (Jo) Snider of Johnston, and Kathy (Kevin) Osborn of Montezuma. He also leaves behind many great-nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother and his wife, Raymond (Doris) Snider; a sister, Maxine Snider; and a niece, Karla Snider.