

**LAWRENCE FLEMING**

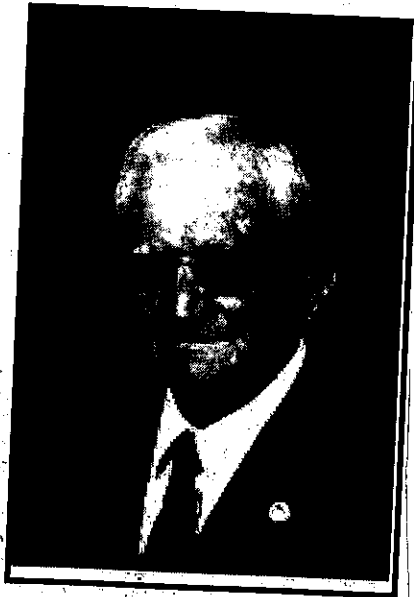
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Lawrence was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1944 then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945. He served in WW II as a navy seaman. After being honorably discharged he returned home and began work as a farm hand for a short period. Later Lawrence began working for Poweshiek County Maintenance Department. After 41 years he retired in 1989.

Lawrence married Allene Plate in Nashua, Iowa on May 8, 1954. He enjoyed raising his family and attending all of their activities and those of his grandchildren. His great sense of humor was a valuable lesson to them all. He especially enjoyed watching high school football and volunteered on the chain gain for football games for 25 years.

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He is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Linda Thomas; his son-in-law Gene Baethke; two brothers, Roy and Dale Fleming and his sister, Aunty Eleanor Fleming.

Lawrence is survived by his wife Allene Fleming of Montezuma, three sons: Gregory (Diana) Fleming of Montezuma, Ron Richman of Skiatook, Okla., Rick (Pam) Richman of Tigard, Ore.; his daughter Karen Baethke of Montezuma; and a son-in-law Bill Thomas of What Cheer; 19 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren and other relatives and his many friends.

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**OBITUARIES**

10-3-2012

**Lawrence Fleming, 85**

Lawrence Fleming, 85, of Montezuma, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Regional Hospice or Shriner's Hospital KAABA Chapter of Davenport. Friends may sign the on line guestbook at [www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com](http://www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com).

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