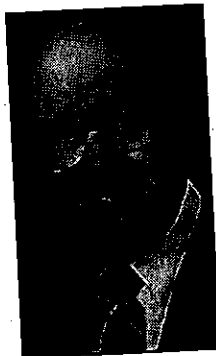


Wilbur LeRoy Jack, 90



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Wilbur LeRoy Jack, 90, of Grinnell and formerly of Montezuma, died Friday, May 9, 2008 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

His funeral service was held Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma

with Ron Bryan of Oskaloosa officiating. Pallbearers were his grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers were John Bates, Waldo Vannoy and Bill Bolen. Interment was at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. The Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma was in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur LeRoy Jack, son of Alex and Elizabeth (McIlrath) Jack, was born July 28, 1917 at his McIlrath grandparents' home in Newburg, Iowa. He attended Garfield School and Pleasant No. 6 in Montezuma. On Dec. 10, 1938, he was married to Abbie Mildred Speas at the former Friends Church near Lynnville.

The couple operated a grain and

livestock farm near Montezuma for 48 years. The couple moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 2000. Wilbur and Abbie loved to go fishing at Leech Lake, Minn., and wintering in Meza, Ariz. He enjoyed farming, fishing, raising his livestock and above all his family.

His memory is honored by two sons, LaVerne Jack of Montezuma and Keith (Vicki) Jack of Montezuma; two daughters, Karon (Vince) Johnson and Kathy (Jerry) Little of Montezuma; 10 grandchildren, LaRayne (David) Riccadonna of Des Moines, Heather (Tim) Fuson of Granger, Tracy (Bob) Stevens of Montezuma, Scott (Rita) Jack of Montezuma, Kimberlea (Brent) Harvey of Adkins, Vincent (Rachelle) Johnson III of Montezuma, Eric (Marlene) Johnson of Montezuma, Jeff (Jo) Little of Montezuma, Mark (Missy) Little of Oskaloosa and Julie (Brian) Cline of Montezuma; 21 great-grandchildren; a sister, Doris Edgington of Grinnell; two sisters-in-law, Geneva Speas of Lansing, Mich., and Fritz Speas of Stow, Ohio.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 67 years, Abbie.

Memorials may be made to the Montezuma Fire Department.