

Marion L. "Red" Ladely, 89

Marion L. "Red" Ladely, 89, of Montezuma died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005 at Friendship Manor Care Center in Grinnell.

His funeral service was Thursday, Aug. 25, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. Dennis Dorsheimer officiating. Burial was to be at a later date at the Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Marion was born June 25, 1916 in Poweshiek County, the son of Elmer and Edith (Van Fossen) Ladely. On Nov. 1, 1939, he was united in marriage with Clarice Slaymaker at Davenport. To this union a daughter and son were born. The couple farmed and operated a dairy herd in the Deep River and New Sharon area. While living on the farm near New Sharon, they owned and operated a Grade A milking operation. They retired to Lake Ponderosa in 1966 and later built a home in Montezuma. After leaving the farm,

Marion operated a grinder at Farmhand in Grinnell, retiring in 1981. Clarice died May 17, 1998.

Marion is survived by his family, Jan Hicks of Montezuma, and Kenneth Ladely and friend Marilyn of North Platte, Neb.; seven grandchildren, Mike (Roxie) Hicks of Montezuma; Shelli (George) Johnson of Searsboro; Joshua, Jennifer and Ryan Ladely of Grinnell; and Jacque (JB) Anderson and Amanda Ladely, both of Grinnell; seven great-grandchildren, Cody and Dalton Hicks, Skylar Johnson, Jessica Anderson, Clayton Cheney, Lucas and Libby Anderson; three sisters, Virginia McVay of West Liberty; Luetta Thompson of Ottumwa; and Lucille Simpson of Grinnell; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clarice, and a brother, Luverne Ladely.

A memorial in his name has been established for the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

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