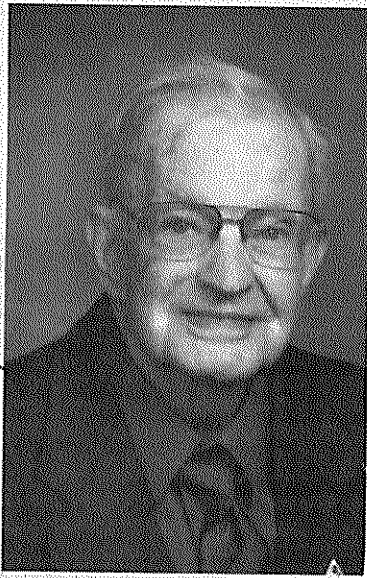


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RALPH WAMBSGANS
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Ralph Wambsgans, 93 of Montezuma died Jan. 25, at his home. Services were Jan. 30, at Montezuma United Methodist Church. Burial was in Montezuma. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church or the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post #169. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Marlin Wambsgans, the son of Charles and Mary (Williamson) Wambsgans, was born on June 28, 1923 in Des Moines. He attended Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School in Des Moines and Noel High School in Noel, MO.

Following high school, Ralph enlisted in the United States Army, he was honorably discharged and moved to Rogers, AR where he worked for Munsingwear Hosiery Mill.

March 26, 1948, Ralph was united in marriage to Lottie Clark in Rogers, AR. Three children were born to Ralph and Lottie: Donald, Sandy and Dixie.

They moved to Des Moines in 1953 and he worked for Armstrong Tire retiring in 1988 after 35 years of service. Following retirement, Ralph and Lottie moved to their place at Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma. He loved woodworking and was an excellent carpenter, building the house that they lived in. He also enjoyed building birdhouses and had an excellent flower garden and enjoyed spending time on the lake in his boat.

He was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post #169, Past President of the Eastern Star the Mason's.

His memory will be honored by his children, Donald (Tresa) Wambsgans of Des Moines and

Dixie Markun-Scott of Montezuma; seven grandchildren, Andrew Markun, Terri Zinga, Debra Ray, Douglas Wambsgans, Bradley Ricker, Danny Ricker and Paula Medley; six great-great grandchildren and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lottie; daughter, Sandy Breslow; a granddaughter, Vicky Speiker and three siblings, Lester Wambsgans, Grace Brown and Donald Wambsgans.