

MONTEZUMA RESIDENT
Lester Thompson, 98

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Lester Thompson, 98 of rural Montezuma, passed away peacefully

Wednesday morning, August 2, 2017 at the Mayflower Care Center in Grinnell. Funeral services Saturday, August 5, 2017 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Visitation was Friday, August 4, 2017 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home with the family present that evening. Memorials may be made

to the Montezuma Fire Department and Ambulance Service or Grinnell Regional Hospice. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

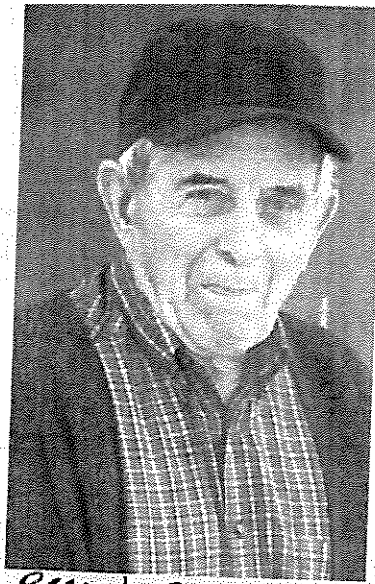
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