Earnest L. Cubbage Sr., 78

Earnest Lee Cubbage Sr., 78, died Tuesday at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

His funeral service was Friday, Dec. 23, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Dennis Dorsheimer of the Montezuma Jackson Church of Christ officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery in Ewart. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Bryan Davis, Doug Bush, Paul VanRoekel, Kirk Gunderson, Kevin Gunderson and Kent Gunderson.

Earnest Lee Cubbage was born July 27, 1927, at Hopewell, Kansas, the son of Wilbur O. and Winnie (Wilkinson) Cubbage. He served his country in the U.S. Airforce. On April 29, 1950, he was united in marriage with Alta M. Vanderpool at Raton, New Mexico. Alta died Feb. 18, 1973. On Dec. 1, 1973, Earnest was united in marriage with Carolyn Johnson at Montezuma. Earnest farmed all of his life and was a farm hand for Ronald Arneman for over 20 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. Earnie liked to build things out of popsicle sticks including his Dutch Windmill. He made his home with Earnest and Lisa Cubbage in Belle Plaine for seven years before moving to St. Francis Manor in Grinnell one year ago.


He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alta Mae; one sister in infancy and three half-brothers.

Memorial contributions in his name may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.