Phil Evans, 91

Phil Evans, 91, of Montezuma, passed away Saturday afternoon, January 6, 2018 at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Montezuma United Methodist Church. Burial will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Visitation was Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the funeral home with the family present that evening. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Montezuma Methodist Church or the Montezuma FFA. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Philip Don Evans, the son of Eslie and Myrtle (Wiseman) Evans, was born on January 1, 1927 south of Sigourney, Iowa and was a 1945 graduate of Sigourney High School. Immediately following graduation, Phil was drafted by the United States Army, where he served as a Staff Sergeant at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After his honorable discharge in 1947, Phil went to Iowa State University on the GI Bill, receiving his degree in Dairy Industry. Phil moved to Cedar Rapids, where he worked for Sanitary Farms Dairy. On September 17, 1950, he was united in marriage to Lois Hinton at the United Brethren Church in Cedar Rapids. To this union, two children were born: Debbie and Don. In 1959, Phil and Lois purchased a farm in Montezuma, Iowa and farmed for over 50 years. Phil loved life on the farm and was very proud of his barn quilt that Don and Lisa made for him. He loved the Iowa State Cyclones and held season tickets for several years. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and absolutely enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Faith was very important to Phil and he was a member of the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids before moving to Montezuma, where they transferred their membership to the Montezuma United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Methodist Men, the Farm Bureau and Farm Credit Association.

His memory will be honored by his wife, Lois Evans of Grinnell; his children, Debbie (Roger) Iverson of Grinnell and Don (Lisa) Evans of Solon; five grandchildren, Amy (Phil Oliver, Sara (Lee) Schroeder, Hilary (Jason Breun) Iverson, Erin Evans and Dano Evans; two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Bryn Oliver, and several other relatives and friends.

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