Ralph G. Phillips, 85

Ralph Garland Phillips, 85, of Montezuma, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines.

His funeral service was conducted Friday, Oct. 27, at the United Methodist Church, Montezuma, with Pastor Joann Hary officiating. Burial followed at the Jackson Township Cemetery. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Ralph, the son of Lawrence Rufus and Mabel Gertrude Morrison Phillips, was born on March 2, 1921, at Delta. He graduated from the Grinnell Senior High School with the Class of 1938. Ralph answered the call of his country, serving in the United States Navy during World War II. On Jan. 25, 1947, Ralph was united in marriage with Bonnie LaVerne Barr at Oskaloosa. Together they moved to the Montezuma area and began his career in farming and agriculture. Ralph loved the land and the farming experience. He always enjoyed going to the cattle barn and buying cattle. Ralph was a member of the Barnes City American Legion, the Knights of Pythias, Farm Bureau and the Cattlemen's Association.


Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie, on April 14, 1983, and one brother, Paul.

Memorials in Ralph's name may be directed to the Fuller Sarvis Unit, Barnes City American Legion.