Loel C. Ferguson, 93

Loel Curtis Ferguson, 93, died Monday, May 14, 2007, at his home in Montezuma.

His funeral service was conducted on Friday, May 18, at the Methodist Church in Montezuma. Burial followed at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, was in charge of the arrangements.

Loel was born on Oct. 28, 1913, to John Carlos and Lois Ethel Brubaker Ferguson at Cedar, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm and attended school at Cedar, graduating in 1931. He attended Iowa State Teacher's College, now the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls where he met his wife, Mary Lorena Albaugh, daughter of Ivan and Ida Moline Albaugh. They married on Aug. 14, 1938, at Eddyville. They had three children, David Lee Ferguson, Lois Ann Ferguson and Linda Sue Ferguson.

Loel taught school in Danville, Iowa; Aurora, Ill.; Colo; Iowa; and Montezuma, where he was the vocational agriculture and shop instructor for 16 years. He bought a farm south of Montezuma while still teaching and, in 1957, retired from teaching to farm full-time until his retirement. Loel was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and a long-time member of Lions Club International. He was an avid fisherman, enjoys trips to Canada to catch walleye. He was an accomplished woodworker, making furniture and many other items out of native walnut harvested from his farm. He was an avid supporter of Heifer Project, first donating animals and later woodworking crafts which were auctioned at the Bishop's Ingathering of the Methodist Church to support Heifer.

He is survived by his children, David and wife Ann Graham Ferguson of Grinnell; Lois Ann Ferguson of Montezuma, and Linda and husband David Cranston of Grinnell; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his special friend, Lavan Ketels, his brother, Max Ferguson and wife Bernice of Charleston, Ill.; sister Lois Ann Beaver and husband Maurice of Oskaloosa, brother Gene Ferguson and wife Beverly of Oskaloosa and brother Homer Ferguson of Cedar, many nieces, nephews and other relation and many friends.

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