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Funeral services were Friday, November 28 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Pastor Warren James of the Regular Baptist Church of Montezuma officiated.

Mrs. Julie Cheney was soloist and Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey, organist, for the musical selections "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace."

Casket bearers were Emil Allen, Larry Molyneux, Alan Robinson, Wesley Clancy, Mark Seaton and Rodney Hamilton.

Honorary casket bearers were Gale Riggs, Ralph Phillips, Francis Cooksey, Edward Henry, Robert DeHoedt and Gordon Lindblom.

Interment was in the Barnes City Cemetery.

Following graveside services, friends and relatives were invited to the Barnes City Legion for lunch and fellowship.

Arlen was born January 24, 1931 in New Sharon, the son of Orville and Bertha (Fayer) Allen. One July 3, 1949 he married Frances Snook. To this union four children were born. He and Francis were later divorced.

Arlen worked for several years for Iron Works and International Harvester in Moline, Ill. In 1973, he returned to farming on the family farm near Deep River. He later bought and moved to the present farm southwest of Barnes City.

On May 6, 1991, he was united in marriage with Dorothy Schultz Tanke at the Baptist Church in Montezuma.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ronald Allen and a son, Michael Allen.

Arlen is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Barnes City; his three children and spouses, Roger and Sue Allen of Orion, Ill., Nancy Raes of Osco, Ill. and Marshall and Ron Samuelson of Huntington Beach, Calif.; six step-children and spouses, Mark and Diana Tanke of New Sharon, Ron and Kim Tanke of Williamsburg, Marvin and Lauri Tanke of Guernsey, Ruth Tanke of Princeton, Ill., Arnold, Jr. and Lisa Tanke of Deep River and Rose Tanke of Barnes City; seven grandchildren, 15 step-grandchildren, one great-grandson, two sisters and their husbands, Wilma and Ernest Ervin of Ackworth, Myrna and Bob Bond of Milan, Ill. other relatives and many friends.

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