

Chester W. Barnes, 81

Chester William Barnes, 81, of Montezuma died Friday, November 7, 1997 at Veterans Administration Hospital in Iowa City.

A memorial service was Tuesday, November 11, 1997 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Officiating was Rev. Torger Johnson of United Methodist Church in Guernsey. Members of Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 of Montezuma performed graveside military rites. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

Chester was born April 18, 1916 in Waukegan, Ill., the son of Frank William and Emma (Nelson) Barnes. He grew up in Washington State and attended school there. He entered the U.S. Army on November 7, 1939. During the service, he sailed on the Queen Mary while coming home from England. He was honorably discharged November 16, 1943. On June 3, 1956, he was united in marriage with

Margaret Walter at the Methodist Church in Deep River. To this union one son, Walter Williams, was born.

Chester worked at the Monte Cafe in Montezuma, Miracle Recreation and Dekalb Seed, both in Grinnell. He retired from the seed company in 1981. He was a member of Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 and VFW Post No. 8876, both of Montezuma. He attended the United Methodist Church in Guernsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Frank and a sister Geraldine Litzenburg.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a son and his wife, Walter and Mari Barnes of Grinnell; two grandsons, Nathan and Matthew Barnes; one sister, Evelyn Bertog of Kenosha, Wis.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

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