

H-R August 4, 1977
Elsie Benton

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Mrs. Elsie Benton, 89, of Montezuma, passed away Monday evening at Grinnell General Hospital. She had been hospitalized for the past two weeks.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at the Steffy Funeral Home in Montezuma. The Rev. Paul Septer was in charge.

Burial was in the Masonic and Odd Fellows cemetery in Montezuma.

Survivors include her son, Lauren Wright of Montezuma; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

H-R August 8, 1977
Mrs. Benton services held

Elsie D. Benton, 90, died Aug. 1 in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Steffy Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. Paul Septer officiating. Music was provided by Lois Evans, soloist, and Alice Underwood, organist. Pallbearers were Earl Lemke, Bob Cummings, Raymond Peters, Steve Wright, Leroy Sanders, and Richard Sanders.

Burial was at the L.O.O.F. Cemetery, Montezuma.

The daughter of Abraham C. and Mary Jones Darland, she was born March 11, 1887. She attended Willow Hill rural school in Audubon, and at the age of 15 moved with her family to a farm home east of Barnes City. She was baptized in the Christian Church.

On April 6, 1904, she was

married to Robert H. Wright. The couple had two sons. Mr. Wright died in 1915.

On Dec. 6, 1917, she was married to Robert E. Benton, and the couple operated a bakery in Story City until 1930 when they moved to San Diego, Calif. In San Diego, they managed the Cresmar Apartments for 20 years. They returned to Iowa in 1950. Mr. Benton died in 1952.

For the past 20 years, Mrs. Benton had lived at her home in Montezuma. She was a 63-year member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include a son, Lauren Wright of Montezuma; three grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Joseph, who died in 1929; two sisters and four brothers.