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## Montezuma Rites Conducted Today For Mrs. Bonham

8-6-1962  
Services were held today (Monday) from the Montezuma Methodist church for Mrs. Caroline Bonham, 84, Montezuma, who died Thursday.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. Frank Jacobs. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery at Montezuma.

Born May 12th, 1878 at Sharon Center southwest of Iowa City, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Roessler.

On Dec. 27th, 1899, she was married to William R. Bonham and they moved to Montezuma in September, 1936. Mr. Bonham preceded her in death on Aug. 7th, 1937.

Survivors include her two sons, W. Hoyt Bonham of Montezuma and M. Lamont Bonham of Las Cruces, N. M.; and one grandson, one granddaughter, and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bonham was a member of the Methodist church, Order of Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge.

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**Caroline Bonham  
A Good Mother  
And Christian**

"We are thankful for Mrs. Caroline Bonham," Rev. Frank Jacobs began his prayer at her memorial service at 10 a. m. Monday at the Methodist church, "she loved Christ and went about doing good as a mother, as a neighbor and as a worker in the church."

Rev. Jacobs urged the family and friends to learn to live as though tomorrow will be last day--and then there will be no need to worry about the future, as one is always ready for the call. He cited Mrs. Bonham's life as an example of such living.

Interment was in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery under direction of the Steffy Funeral Home. Casket bearers were Harold Bryan, Adrian Sams, Thomas C. Ross, Carl Olson, R. A. Vanderwal and James Williamson.

Caroline Fredericka, daughter of Gottlieb F. Roessler and Louisa Hagen, was born in Sharon township, southwest of Iowa City, May 12, 1878, and died Aug. 2, at the age of 84 years, 2 months and 21 days. At the time of her passing, she was residing in the home of her good friend, Mrs. Anna Wright, in Montezuma.

She was educated in the public school of the neighborhood and later attended a private academy in Iowa City.

On Dec. 27, 1899, she was united in marriage with William Ray Bonham. They resided in Johnson county, Iowa, until the fall of 1936, when they moved their home from Iowa City to Montezuma. Mr. Bonham lived only a short time thereafter, having passed away Aug. 7

She was a member of the Methodist church and allied organizations, Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Rebekah Lodge, Past Noble Grands, Woman's Study Club, Justmere Club and Birthday Club.

During her years in Montezuma, as elsewhere, she endeared herself to the hearts of many by her unselfish service. She was affectionately referred to by many as Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother Bonham.

She leaves to mourn her passing her two sons, William Hoyt, Montezuma, and Maynard Lamont, Las Cruces, N. M., a granddaughter, Dorothy Hurt, El Paso, Texas, a grandson, Willard Ray Bonham, Chicago, Ill., five great grandchildren and two brothers, Gottlieb C. Roessler, Seattle, Wash., and Jacob F. Roessler, Shoshone, Idaho, other relatives and a host of loving friends.

Great grand children are Robert Lamont and William Clark Bonham, Chicago, and Russell, Mitchell and Beverly Hunt, El Paso, Texas.