

Gordon Braley

Gordon E. Braley, 70, of Montezuma, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 13, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines.

He was born Sept. 21, 1924 in Poweshiek County near Ewart, the son of Clifford L. and Anetta B. (McCormick) Braley. He was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1942. He went onto Kings Point, Long Island, and served in the Merchant Marines until 1945.

On July 24, 1946 he was united in marriage with Madolyn Casey at Grinnell. To this union three daughters were born. Gordon was an engineer on tow boats for a while before he started to farm. He continued to farm and also managed the ASCS office for several years, retiring in 1978.

They moved to Grinnell and for the past ten years have lived in Montezuma. He had served on the Montezuma Community School Board for several years. Gordon was an active member of the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church, where he held several offices.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Byard and Frank Braley.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Madolyn and their family, Kathy and Frank Counts of Gainesville, FL., Susan and Keith Cheney of Montezuma, and Barbara and Peter Himmel of Wenatchee, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Jennifer and Stephanie Counts, Matthew and Amy Cheney, and Lindsey, Caitlin and Maddy Himmel; one sister, Mary Lou Staubus of Indianola; one brother, Burton Braley of Silver Spring., Md.; and other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 16 at the First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma.

Officiating services was Rev. George M. Salnave, pastor and the Rev. Brad Braley of Nevada.

Soloist was Mrs. Rhonda Minner; pianist Mrs. Marcy Bryan, and Mrs. Kathleen Ramsy, organist.

Honorary casket bearers were Don and Alice Renaud, Walter and Helen Rixen, Keith and Wilma Vosburg, and Dwight and Meda Carey.

Casket bearers were Matthew Cheney, Bruce Braley, Gary Braley, Matthew Braley, Brian Braley and Ed Wells.

Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart. Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.

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Gordon E. Braley, 70, of Montezuma died Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, with the Revs. George Salnave and Brad Braley officiating. Music was provided by soloist Rhonda Minner, pianist Marcy Bryan and organist Kathleen Ramsey.

Pallbearers were Matthew Cheney, Bruce, Gary, Matthew and Brian Braley and Ed Wells. Honorary bearers were Don and Alice Renaud, Walter and Helen Rixen, Keith and Wilma Vosburg, and Dwight and Meda Carey.

Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery at Ewart, with the Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Clifford L. and Anetta B. McCormick Braley, he was born Sept. 21, 1924, near Ewart. He was a 1942 graduate of Montezuma High School. He entered the U.S. Merchant Marines at Kings Point, Long Island, serving until 1945.

On July 24, 1946, he was married to Madolyn Casey in Grinnell.

Mr. Braley farmed and managed the ASCS office for several years, retiring in 1978. The couple lived in Grinnell, then moved to Montezuma 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Montezuma School Board for several years and was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma, holding several church offices.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Kathy Counts of Gainesville, Fla., Susan Cheney of Montezuma and Barbara Himmel of Wenatchee, Wash.; seven grandchildren; one sister, Mary Lou Staubus of Indianola; and one brother, Burton of Silver Spring, Md.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Presbyterian Church scholarship.

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