

**Charles Edwin Bryan**

Charles Edwin Bryan, 71, of rural Montezuma, passed away suddenly March 4, 1992 at Grinnell Hospital.

He was born June 7, 1920 southwest of Montezuma, the son of Glenn H. and Ida E. Harner Bryan. He attended rural school and was educated through the 8th grade. At age 5 he began his love for farming by walking behind the team and harrow.

On June 16, 1941 he was united in marriage with Kathleen Newport at Searsboro. To this union seven children were born. Edwin was a lifelong resident of Poweshiek County, where he farmed until 1974.

In 1969 he developed, owned and operated Fun Valley Ski Area on their farm south of Montezuma. He was an active member of the New Sharon Friends Church. He was a salesman for Archer Petroleum for over 25 years and for Cargill Seed. He was a Union Township trustee, township assessor, and served on the election board.

He was a charter member of the Poweshiek County Zoning Board, active member of the Montezuma Lions Club and was also a member of numerous ski organizations.

Edwin was family oriented and had immense pride for his family. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Edwin and Kay celebrated their 50th anniversary last summer with their family and friends. Edwin also had a strong sense of accomplishment and pride in Fun Valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Amber Bryan.

Edwin is survived by his wife, five sons and their wives: Terry and Linda of Montezuma, Ron and Joyce of LeGrand, Rick and Connie of Oskaloosa, Dennis and Marcy and Kelly and Lori both of Montezuma; two daughters and their husbands: Carol and Jim Mcans of Loveland, Colo., and Joy and Dean Hubbard of Montezuma; 29 grandchildren and five of their spouses; four great grandchildren; two brothers and their wives; Frank and Lorna of Montezuma; and James and Donna of Billings, Missouri, one sister Delores Gillam of University Park; and others relatives and many friends.

Funeral service was held March 6 at Friends Church, New Sharon. Officiating was the Rev. David Pinkerton of Friends Church. Music was provided by soloist George Wilkenin and Mrs. Ann Emeiser, organist. Songs were: "Mansion Over The Hilltop", "He Keeps Me Singing".

Honorary casketbearers were Harold Pierce, Bob Sayre, Keith E derson, Jerry Hanselman, Les Baird, Gerritt Septer, Warren Jam Alfred Steen and Waldo Vann. Casketbearers were: Charles Tyrro Don Trow, Dale Schwechel, I Bolen, Lyle Roovaart and Bob H. Interment was at Jackson Towns Cemetery, Montezuma, with arrangements by Watts Funeral Home Montezuma.