

Last Rites For Wm. Bunnell Monday ¹⁹⁶⁶

Last rites for a prominent Montezuma farmer, William Bunnell, were conducted by the Rev. G. R. Dieken and the Rev. D. E. Freeman Monday afternoon, Dec. 5, at the Steffy Funeral Home. Music was provided by Mrs. Lewis Lundy, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Ramsey, organist.

Pallbearers were Phil Evans, Charles McKee, Kenneth Johnson, Earl Beach, Autumn Watts and Russell McVay. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

William, son of Sadie and Jessie Bunnell, was born at Montezuma, July 2, 1886, and

died in the University Hospital, Iowa City, Friday, Dec. 2, at 80 years of age.

He attended Montezuma public school and in his youth became a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 30, 1908, he married Lillie Lamond. To this union two sons were born. They lived in the Montezuma community for more than 57 years.

Mr. Bunnell was a dedicated farmer. About 20 years ago, he underwent surgery for the removal of his right leg, but he continued operating his farm machinery and managing the farm.

He was interested in all community projects. He served for several terms on the school board when the building was built in 1927-28. He served more than 40 years as Jackson Township trustee and member of the cemetery board. He was the oldest board member of the Montezuma Mutual Telephone Company. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

Since the death of his wife last January, he has made his home with his son, Harry.

He is survived by his two sons, Harry and Marvin; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bossert of Montezuma and Mrs. Sadie Edwards of Des Moines.