

— JOHN WILLIAM BYERS —

John William Byers, the son of Thomas T. and Retha R. Axtell Byers, was born May 19, 1924 near Deep River, and passed away Oct. 14, 1983 at University Hospital in Iowa City at age 59.

He attended rural school.

On Dec. 1, 1947, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Pierce at Montezuma. Most of their life together was spent farming in the Deep River area. He also did carpenter work part time during these years.

For 19 years, they farmed north of Deep River, until August, 1982 when they moved into Deep River.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie of Deep River; three sisters, Mrs. Cliff (Mae) Van Arkel and family of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Henry (Betty) Schmidt of Altoona, and Mrs. Paul (Sandra) Jones of Deep River; one brother, Raymond Byers of Tampa, Fla., also nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Services were 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. Mary Margaret Thiel officiating.

Casket bearers were Ned Pollard, Keith Fisch, Kenneth (Bud) Cheney, Casey Pierce, Frank Pierce and Steve Pierce.

Burial was in Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River.

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