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**Sergeant Earl Allen Cox
Given Military Funeral**

Full military honors were accorded Technical Sergeant Earl Allen Cox, U. S. Air Force, Friday afternoon in Jackson Township as the veteran serviceman answered his final roll call. Legion Commander Blair Brooks directed the final tribute.

Religious services were held at the Steffy Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Nov. 23, conducted by the Rev. G.R. Dieken, with Miss Alice Underwood playing the organ selections.

Casketbearers were Stewart Fleming, Don Farmer, LaVern VanDeventer, Harold Lidtka, Sonny Shearer and George Riddle.

Members of the Legion color guard were Bill Pitka, Bill Cavanaugh, Adrian Sams and Kenneth Perry.

Members of the firing squad, directed by Marcus Shearer, were Wavern Briggs, Don Smith, Don Fahlenkamp, Lawrence Fleming and Dick Bernard. Jacque Fahlenkamp and Joyce Stout sounded Taps.

Earl Allen, son of Viva and Walter Cox, was born in Montezuma Oct. 12, 1918, and died at his home on Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, N.Y., Nov. 17, at 44 years of age.

He attended the local school and was graduated with the Class of 1937. After graduation he worked for the Powell grocery and the Gilbert garage.

In 1941, he enlisted in the Army air force and served in the European Theatre in World War II. Following the war, he returned to Montezuma, where he again was employed at the Gilbert garage, for approximately two years. He then attended the Air Craft School in Des Moines, where he received his Aircraft and Engine license and Instructor's license.

In 1947, he went to Florida, where he was employed by Eastern Air Lines and the Navy for four and one-half years. In June, 1952, he enlisted in the Air Force. He served at Tampa, Fla., for six years and in Seville, Spain, for four years. Since last July, he has been stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jewel Etheridge; a son, William Peeples, Rantoul, Ill.; a daughter, Kay Francis Day, Charleston, S. C.; two grandchildren, Melitta Peeples and Larry E. Day Jr. Also his parents, four sisters; Margaret Jordan and Doralee Beaderstadt, both of Montezuma; Katie Maschmann, Brooklyn, and Frances Cox, Arlington, Va.; other relatives and many friends.