

## J. Arnold Davis

J. Arnold Davis, 85, of Lee, Ill., formerly of Montezuma, died Sunday, Dec. 3, at Shabbona Health Care Center, Shabbona, Ill.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 8 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. Dr. George M. Salnave, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma, officiating. Soloist was Darrell Brand, and organist was Kathleen Ramsey.

Casket bearers were Jay, John, James and Mike Davis and Gary and Scott Curry. Honorary bearers were Nick Gaston, Roger Smith, Cory Sperry, Ken Krebs, Art Kuntz, Tim Leonard and Jerry Davis II.

Burial was in Union Mills Cemetery in Mahaska County.

He was the son of James Henry and Lydia Belle Riley Davis and was born May 17, 1915, at Moulton. He was married to E. Maxine Duncan Oct. 9, 1937, in Oskaloosa. They spent most of their married life in the Montezuma area.

Mr. Davis farmed and was a construction foreman. He also worked for the Poweshiek County Road Department for several years.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and had been a member of the Eagles and the Grange.

Surviving are one daughter, Pat L. Mitchell of Weiser, Idaho; two sons, Jerry K. of Lee, Ill., and L. Wayne of Montezuma; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and one brother, Wilbur of Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; five sisters, Ethel Clancy Woods, Della Foster, Pauline Bair, Geneva Davis and Hattie Horn; and one brother, Clifford.

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Funeral services were held for J. Arnold Davis, 85, of Lee, IL and formerly of Montezuma, on Friday, Dec. 8, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma. Dr. George M. Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church officiated at the service. Darrell Brand, soloist and Kathleen Ramsey, organist performed "In The Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Interment was in Union Mills Cemetery, Mahaska County, IA.

Casket bearers were Jay Davis, John Davis, James Davis, Gary Curry, Scott Curry and Mike Davis. Honorary casket bearers were Nick Gaston, Roger Smith, Cory Sperry, Art Kuntz, Ken Krebs, Tim Leonard and Jerry Davis II.

J. Arnold Davis was born May 17, 1915 at Moulton, IA, the son of James Henry and Lydia Belle (Riley) Davis. On October 9, 1937 he was united in marriage to E. Maxine Duncan at Oskaloosa, IA. To this union one daughter and two sons were born. They spent most of their married life in the Montezuma area.

Arnold farmed and was a construction foreman. His work took them to many

places. Arnold also worked for the Poweshiek County Road Department for several years. After retiring they loved to travel.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Montezuma and had been a member of the Eagles Lodge in Oskaloosa and the Grange. He loved horses and raising chickens. He also enjoyed fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Maxine on Feb. 18, 1999; five sisters, Ethel Clancy Woods, Della Foster, Pauline Bair, Geneva Davis and Hattie Horn; and one brother, Clifford Davis.

Arnold is survived by a daughter and her husband, Pat L. and Donald Mitchell of Weiser, ID; two sons and their wives, Jerry K. and Mary Davis of Lee, IL and L. Wayne and Donna Davis of Montezuma; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; one brother, Wilbur Davis of Newton, IA; and other relatives and many friends.

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