

JAN. 10, 1963

**Bert Easter
Was Professional
Singer For Years**

Bert, son of Mary Ann and John Easter, was born in Searsboro, April 11, 1889, and passed away in the Community Hospital, Grinnell, Jan. 1, at 73 years of age.

When a small child, he moved with his family to Montezuma, where he attended school. His family moved to Fairfield, where he graduated from high school in 1910. He attended Parsons College, where he studied vocal music. For a number of years, he sang professionally in Chicago theaters and as a church soloist.

On March 21, 1936, he was united in marriage with Jane Gween and their entire married life was spent in Barnes City, where Bert operated a garage. Mrs. Easter passed away in May, 1950.

Jan. 13, 1951, he was united in marriage with Edith Gregson Vincent, and they have made their home in Searsboro.

Those surviving are his wife, three step-children; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Wallace, of Packwood, Iowa, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held for Bert Easter at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Steffy funeral home in Montezuma, with Rev. William Morehouse officiating.

Music at the services consisted of organ selections played by Mrs. Jessie Mitchell. Casketbearers included Gerald Ver Steeg, Floyd McGinn, Rex James, Homer McDowell, Keith Arthur, and J. C. Hasley.

Interment was at the Barnes City cemetery.