

## Irving Gabriel

Irving A. "Gabe" Gabriel, 94, of Montezuma died Friday Dec. 15, at the Montezuma Senior Home.

He was born May 23, 1901 at Northwood, the son of Henry and Addie Gabriel. He graduated from Northwood High School and Des Moines University where he lettered in track. In 1925 he became Principal, head basketball and track coach at Brooklyn. On December 19, 1925 he was united in marriage with Gladys Johnson at Nevada. In 1930 they moved to Hartwick, where he became Superintendent of Schools, taught, and coached basketball. In 1936 they moved to Montezuma, where he taught and coached football, basketball and later golf. In 1948 Gabe was runnerup as Iowa's high school coach of the year. He was also Athletic Director for many years before retiring in 1970. Johnnie and Gabe were avid golfers. Johnnie died March 23, 1994. Gabe was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church and was a longtime member of the Lion's Club.

Gabe is survived by one son, Max of Wynnewood, Okla.; daughter-in-law, Joann Gabriel of Montezuma; three grandchildren and their spouses: Michael and Sue Gabriel, Lori and Todd Walter and Russell and Lisa Gabriel; seven great-grandchildren: Andy, Nick and Cody Gabriel, Jenny and Kate Walter and Krista and Kory Gabriel; one brother and his wife, Russell and Vertner Gabriel of Alamo, Texas; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services were held at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 18 from Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma. Rev. Brian Carter of the United Methodist Church, Montezuma. Miss Alice Underwood was organist with selections "In The Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Memorials may be made to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Unit.

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