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On Dec. 15, 1984, Mr. Gerard married Helen Peterson Hill at the family home in Montezuma.

He belonged to Faith Christian Center. He enjoyed farming and spent many hours doing his own mechanical upkeep. He also trained horses and dogs.

Preceding him in death, were his parents, two brothers, Harold and Clifford and a sister, Virgie Peters.

Surviving Mr. Gerard are his wife, Helen; two sons, Carroll and his wife, Betty, of Grinnell; Keith and his wife, Sharon, of Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren, Deborah Fifer and husband, Randy, of Newton; Angela Edgington and husband, Ron, of Palm Beach, Fla.; Byron Gerard and wife, Heather; Cherie Gerard and Recinda Gerard, all of Seattle; three great-grandchildren, Cameron Fifer of Newton, Ashlee Fifer of Des Moines and Caleb Gerard of Seattle.

Also surviving are three brothers, Paul Gerard and his wife, Lois, of Brooklyn; Emil Gerard and his wife, Elizabeth, of Omaha and Eldon Gerard and his wife, Naomi, of Grinnell.

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Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Revs. P. Septer and Max Johnson officiating. Organist was Kathleen Ramsey, and soloist was Rhonda Minner. Casket bearers were Frank Helm, Harold Wheeler, Roger Gerard, Cameron Fifer, Rick Talbert and LaVerne Jack.

Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart.

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He was married to Frieda E. McCormick Feb. 8, 1928, near Montezuma. They farmed and later moved to Montezuma and purchased the Midway filling station. After living in Montezuma for a number of years, they moved to Oskaloosa where he was employed as a car salesman for Roth Olds Cadillac and Currier's Plymouth DeSoto. He also served as a deputy sheriff in Mahaska County for several years and later was a salesman for Green's Ford in Oskaloosa. He then returned to farming.

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MR April 28, 1999

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MR April 26, 1999