

William Gross Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services for William F. Gross were held Tuesday afternoon at the Steffy Funeral Home with the Rev. Lester Hall officiating. Miss Alice Underwood was the organist. Casket bearers were Fred Zorn, Gerald Lidtka, Melvin Ferneau, Don Erquist, Walter

Hockey and Marcus Shearer. Interment was at the Masonic-IOOF Cemetery with military rites by the Blakley-Stevens Post of the American Legion. Mr. Gross, 73, passed away Friday, October 31.

The son of Andrew and Rosa Eigler Gross, he was born August 15, 1896, near Deep River. He attended school in Montezuma and later served in the armed forces a short time during World War I.

For most of his life he worked as a mechanic in Oskaloosa and Montezuma.

In 1920 he was married to Alma Bee Julian and to this union one daughter was born.

On Oct. 23, 1939, he was united in marriage to Fairy Reed. They lived in Montezuma most of their married life. During this time they have had four of their grandchildren live with them.

He is survived by his wife, Fairy; his daughter, Harriett Tanner of Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren - Nancy Rank of Des Moines, James Gray of McLeansville, N.C., Larry Gray of Kirkland, Wash., Kenneth Gray of Barnes City; and Sally Penrod of Montezuma; one sister, Clara Walters of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; five great-grandchildren; three nieces; a step-daughter, Dorothea Smiley of Pomona, Calif.; and a step-granddaughter, Linda Rogers of Pomona, Calif.