

Funeral Services Conducted Monday For James Harland Johnson At New Sharon

Funeral services for a well known retired farmer and active church worker, James Harland (Harley) Johnson, were conducted by Mr. Marvin Johnson at the Harden Funeral Home, New Sharon, at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19.

Three vocal music selections were provided at the service by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Blake. The two couples also served as flower attendants.

Casket bearers were Raymond Hull, Howard Hudson, Walter Meyer, Kenneth Fayer, Jim Wehrle and Norman Meyer. Interment was in West Liberty Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 15, at Wysong Hospital in McKinney, Tex.

The son of Ulysses Grant Johnson and Mary Elizabeth Snider Johnson, he was born on March 23, 1892. Mr. Johnson lived his entire life on a farm six miles west of Montezuma with the exception of a short time when the Johnson family lived in Ottumwa while he was young.

A veteran of World War I, he served at Camp Pike officers training school near Little Rock, Ark. He retired from a successful farming career in 1959 and devoted his life to church work. At an early age he became a member of the West Liberty Church of Christ and later became a deacon. He was widely known for his visits to homes in the community and his encouragement of young people

to enter church work.

On Jan. 7, 1919, he was united in marriage to Ethel M. Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Martin. To this union four daughters were born.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel, of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Walter (Rachel) Daugherty of Vandalia, Mrs. Eldon (Pauline) Playle of rural Montezuma, Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) Palmer of Ottumwa and Mrs. Wendell (Marilyn) Hardeman of Montezuma; five grandchildren, Stevie Palmer of Ottumwa, Anita Playle of rural Montezuma and Wade, Marcia and Wayland Hardeman of Montezuma.

Also surviving are two brothers and four sisters, Mrs. Nina Schooley of Deep River, Mrs. Denver (Viola) Caldwell of Grinnell and Miss Olive Johnson, Miss Margaret Johnson, J. Allen Johnson and C. Alvie Johnson, all of rural Montezuma.

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