

Raymond F. Johnson, 77

Raymond F. "Swede" Johnson, 77, of Montezuma, died Saturday, July 18, 1998 at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iowa City.

His funeral was Tuesday, July 21 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Pastor Warren James of the Regular Baptist Church officiated.

Music was by soloist Jarold Greene with Alice Underwood accompanying him on the organ.

Casket bearers were Ken Johnson, Brad Davis, Jason Kendall, Kyle Johnson, Brian Gordon, Kenneth James and Jeff Petty.

Honorary casket bearers were Philip Johnson, Clarence Duinink, Scott Pitman, Bob Pitman and Arlo Van Hoever.

Graveside military rites followed at Jackson Township Cemetery by Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169 and VFW Post No. 8876.

Swede was born September 20, 1920 in Montezuma, the son of Roscoe and Sarah (McMeekin) Johnson. He attended Montezuma High School and served in the Army during World War II.

On September 25, 1925, he was united in marriage with Ada Revell in Osceola, Neb. To this union, six children were born.

A lifelong resident of Montezuma, Swede was a butcher by profession. He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church and VFW Post, both of Montezuma and the 50 Plus Club of New Sharon. He had also been a Cub Master for nine years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Carol Beth in infancy; three grandchildren, a daughter-in-law, Juanita Johnson and a brother, Harold Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Ada of Montezuma; four sons, Marion of Forest City; Michael and wife Deborah of Springfield, Ill.; Keith and wife Karen of Messervey and Rex and wife Candy of Leland; a daughter, Benae Johnson of Montezuma; seven grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, a sister, Marie Allbee of Grinnell and other relatives and many friends.

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