

Vincent Johnson, 81

Longtime Montezuma lawyer Vincent Johnson, 81, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 1999, in Sun City West, Ariz.

Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Montezuma. Burial will follow in Jackson Township Cemetery in

Montezuma.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday evening, Feb. 11 from 7-8 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma.

A complete obituary will follow in next week's paper.

Vincent E. Johnson, 81

Vincent E. Johnson, 81, of Montezuma, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999 at Del Webb Memorial Hospital in Sun City West, Ariz.

His funeral was Friday, Feb. 12 at United Methodist Church in Montezuma with the Rev. H. Burr Bryant officiating.

Soloist Rachele Johnson sang "Because He Lives" and "His Eye Is On the Sparrow." Mrs. Johnson is the wife of the decedent's grandson, Vincent Johnson, III.

Alice Underwood was organist and "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was the congregational hymn.

Casket bearers were John Kercheval, David Kercheval, Dick Gregory, Lynn Carl, Harold Glann and Frank Brownell.

Honorary casket bearers were Charles Kercheval, Maynard Hutchinson, Don Gray, Mike Ammann and members of the Poweshiek County Bar Association.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born April 13, 1917 near Montezuma, the son of Axel E. and Clara E. (Burrows) Johnson.

He was a University of Iowa graduate and received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1947.

On September 1, 1940, he married Susan Snyder. The couple had two children.

An attorney in Montezuma, Mr. Johnson retired from the law practice in 1991 after 44 years.

A well-known civic leader, he was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and received his 50-year

plaque in 1997. He served on the Board of Governors of the Iowa State Bar Association from 1957-1959. He was president of the Iowa Conference of County Bar Presidents, a member of the Poweshiek County Bar Association and served as that group's president from 1952-1960.

He also was Poweshiek County Attorney from 1956-1960. He was an advisor and attorney in the formation of the Poweshiek Rural Water Association. Mr. Johnson was also secretary and attorney for the Montezuma Community School District for 33 years. Additionally, he was a member of the Montezuma State Bank board of directors and, at the time of his death, was chairman of the board.

He was a Mason and member of Lafayette Lodge No. 52 A.F. & A.M. for more than 50 years.

Mr. Johnson's avocation was farming. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Kenneth L. Johnson and a son-in-law, Donald J. Armstrong.

He survived by his wife, Susan; one son, Vincent E. Johnson II and his wife Karon of Montezuma; a daughter, Kristin Sue and her husband David Maxwell of Gibson; three grandsons, Vincent E. Johnson III and his wife Rachele; Eric L. Johnson and Donald Joseph Armstrong II; a granddaughter, Susan E. Armstrong; two great-grandchildren, Clara E. Johnson and Grant A. Johnson, other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be directed to the University of Iowa Hospitals Medical Research Department.

VINCENT E. JOHNSON

Vincent E. Johnson, 81, former Poweshiek County attorney, died Saturday, Feb. 6, at Del Webb Memorial Hospital, Sun City West, Ariz.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 12 at the Montezuma United Methodist Church, with the Rev. H. Burr Bryant officiating. Soloist was Rachele Johnson, and organist was Alice Underwood.

Casket bearers were John Kercheval, David Kercheval, Dick Gregory, Lynn Carl, Harold Glann and Frank Brownell. Honorary bearers were Charles Kercheval, Maynard Hutchinson, Don Gray, Mike Ammann and members of the Poweshiek County Bar Association.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma, with the Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Axel E. and Clara E. Burrows Johnson and was born April 13, 1917, near Montezuma. He was a graduate of the University of Iowa and received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1947.

He was married to Susan Snyder Sept. 1, 1940.

An attorney in Montezuma, he retired from the practice of law in 1991 after 44 years.

He was a lifelong member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church and an associate member of Shepherd of the Hills Methodist Church in Sun City West. He was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, receiving his 50-year plaque in 1997. Mr. Johnson served on the Board of Governors of the Iowa State Bar Association from 1957 to 1959. He had served as president of the Iowa Conference of County Bar Presidents and the Poweshiek County Bar Association, serving as president from 1952 to 1960.

He served as Poweshiek County attorney from 1956 to 1960. He also served as an adviser and attorney in helping to form the Poweshiek Rural Water Association. He also served as secretary and attorney for the Montezuma Community School District for 33 years. He was a member of the board of directors of Montezuma State Bank, serving as board chairman at the time of his death. He was a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 52, A.F. & A.M., for over 50 years.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Vincent E. II; one daughter, Kristin Sue Maxwell of Gibson; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth L.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Iowa Hospitals Medical Research Department.

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