

Willis Leydens

Willis Leydens, 74, died Tuesday, March 31 at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Des Moines.

The funeral mass for Willis Leydens was scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. Thomas McConville of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa as celebrant. Music was by Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey.

Pallbearers were Jim Casey, Bill Dyjak, Tom Pirkel, Walter Reinhart, Ken Butler and Bob Murtha. Graveside military rites were conducted by members of Blakely-Stevens Legion Post 169 of Montezuma, and interment was in the Jackson Township Cemetery.

Born May 26, 1917, in Mashaska County near New Sharon, he graduated from Montezuma High School in 1935 and served in the Navy during World War II.

He had resided in the Iowa Veterans' Home in Marshalltown for the past few years of his life.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa and of the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post 169 in Montezuma.

He is survived by a brother, Leland of Des Moines; four sisters, Anna Mae Swink of Salem Ore., Viola Casey of Malcom, Doris Reinhart of Williamsburg and Beverly Buerkens of Davenport; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Andrew, Morris and Larry.