

**Hugh McIlrath
funeral services
held April 11**

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Funeral services for Hugh McIlrath, 64, longtime Montezuma businessman, were held at 2 p.m. April 11 at the Steffy Funeral Home conducted by the Rev. George Snyder. Organ music was by Louis Corsuch and Mrs. Dean Doonan sang "Shall We Gather At The River" at the interment in Jackson Township cemetery. Casket bearers were Nile Hutchinson, Harold Swanson, Rolla Smith, Keith Watts, William McCaulley and Ben Hopkins.

Hugh, son of James and Jennie McIlrath, was born in VanCleave Jan. 13, 1896, and died at his Montezuma home April 8. When he was 16 the family moved to Montezuma where his father operated the John Deere implement store.

He was united in marriage Aug. 4, 1921 with Neva Green and to this union a son was born. They farmed northwest of Montezuma until his health failed, then after two winters in New Mexico, they returned to Montezuma and purchased the store from his father. Since retiring from the implement business he has worked for the city water department and the D-X station.

He is survived by his wife, the son, James, and three grandchildren, Susan, Cindy and Kent, also a brother, Thomas, a nephew, Hugh McMeekin, other relatives and many friends.
