

# James V. McKinney

James V. McKinney, 72, of Montezuma, IA passed away Thursday, November 30, 2000 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2000 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, IA. Rev. Dennis Dorsheimer officiated.

Casket bearers were Larry Wiebke, Robert Sanders, Charles D. Taylor, Brent Prange, Craig Franken and Duane Prange. Military Rites were by members of Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169, V.F.W. Post 8876. Interment was in Allison Cemetery, Allison, IA.

He was born January 31, 1928 in Bristow, IA, the son of Lewis and Henrietta (Dohlmann) McKinney. He attended school in Bristow, but due to the death of his father he quit school to help his mother support the rest of the family.

He entered the U.S. Army in January 1951, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal in October 1952.

On June 13, 1951 he was united in marriage with Maxine Pronge at the Lutheran Church in Vilmer, IA and were the parents of one son.

After the service, Jim completed his G.E.D. and graduated from Bristow High School on Oct. 3, 1952.

He worked at the Bristow Elevator selling feed, running a portable feed grinder and hauling hogs to Rath Packing in Waterloo. Jim then sold feed and ran a portable feed grinder for Moorman Feed Co. for several years.

In 1965 he was promoted to a District Manager and they moved to Montezuma. He worked for Moormans for 18 years. He then worked for Arbie Feeds in Marshalltown for 10 years as a feed technician before retiring in 1990 due to ill health.

Jim was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church at Deep River, an active member of the Montezuma V.F.W. Post No. 8876 where he had served as Commander, and since 1994 had served as Quartermaster. He was also a member of the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169. Jim was a firm believer in flying the American Flag.

He worked hard all of his life and survived a lot of different types of illness and surgeries. He enjoyed life to the fullest, especially spending time with his family and grandchildren. He also liked crossword puzzles, reading and visiting with relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Lewis and Francis; and two sisters, Ida Mae Jones and Darlene Murphy.

Jim is survived by his wife Maxine of Montezuma; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Kathleen of Newton; three grandchildren, Cody, Cory and Cari Jo, all of Newton; three sisters, Lucille Schadt of Brighton, Inez Jackson of Dumont and Anna Marie Beenken of Morrison; a brother, Kenneth McKinney of Florida; a half-brother, Koert Freese of Aplington; and other relatives and many friends.

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