

Richard McMains

Richard Owen McMains, 67, of Malcom died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 26 at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Revs. Bob Zirkelbach and John Epperson officiating. Soloist was Terry Osborne, and organist was Denise Baustian.

Casket bearers were Greg, Mark and Lynn Wagner; Norman Elscott; Mark Kaddant; Melvin Pierce; and Todd Wagner. Special honorary bearers were Adrianna and DeAnn McMains and Joel, Lance, Matthew and Ian Ingram. Honorary bearers were Gerald DeWitt, John LaKose, Jack Patten, Vernon VanderLeest, Carroll Schafbuch, Ronald DeBondt, Ivan Rexroth, Bob Boyd, Darwin Klenk, Merle Burnell and John McCammant.

Interment was at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom.

He was the son of Cecil and Ruth DeWitt McMains and was born Sept. 7, 1933, at What Cheer. He attended school near Rose Hill. The family moved to Washington, Iowa, in 1942, then returned to the Rose Hill area in 1944.

Mr. McMains served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He began farming in 1956.

On March 16, 1957, he was married to Phyllis Visser in Oskaloosa. They moved to a farm near Ewart in 1959, moving to their present farm northeast of Malcom in 1964.

Mr. McMains did janitorial services for GTE, Farm Services and the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds. He had served as a board member and head usher at the Grinnell Church of the Nazarene for 15 years. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, served on the Malcom Co-op Elevator board, was Malcom Township clerk for 15 years and had been a member of the VFW post.

Surviving are his wife; four children, Keith of Malcom, Barb McMains of Grinnell, Sharon Ingram of Marshalltown and Kenneth of Malcom; seven grandchildren; and Robert Wagner of Marengo, whom he considered a brother.

His parents preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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