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Mr. Roovaart's funeral was Sept. 2 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. George M. Salnave of the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church officiating.

Organist Kathleen Ramsey accompanied Darrel Brand, who sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset."

Casket bearers were Duane Ingle, Leonard Roovaart, Lyle Roovaart, Don Chilcote, Elmer Van Egdome, Clarence Van Egdome and Hugh Swan.

Judy Swan and Betty Swan were flower attendants.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Mr. Roovaart was the son of Leonard and Louva Marie (Wymer) Roovaart. He was born near Taintor on April 23, 1913.

On Nov. 18, 1936, he was married to Opal McCartney in Ottumwa. To this union one daughter, Linda, was born.

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Montezuma. Mr. Roovaart worked for the Montezuma Municipal Light Plant, then DeKalb in Grinnell and retired from Dieomatic in Montezuma in 1970.

Mrs. Roovaart died July 30, 1986.

On July 22, 1989, he was united in marriage with Ada Pearl Inman in Montezuma.

A longtime member of the Montezuma Christian Church, Mr. Roovaart enjoyed fishing and working on engines and cars.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, a brother, Earl and a sister, Avis Van Egdome.

He is survived by his wife, Ada Pearl of Montezuma; a daughter, Linda Roovaart of Newton; two step-daughters, Aileen Sager of Montezuma and Nancy Rose of Oskaloosa; five step-grandchildren, one step-great-grandchild; a sister, Alice Van Egdome of Traer; other relatives and many friends.

Memorials in Mr. Roovaart's name may be made to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department. Watts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, with graveside rites conducted by members of the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

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