

Charles Rowell rites Monday

Charles Franklin Rowell, 68, of Montezuma died of a heart attack Friday morning, Nov. 25, at his home.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. Bobby Dickerson officiating. Burial was at the Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma, with military rites conducted by Blakely-Stevens Post No. 169, American Legion.

The son of James and Lottie Rowell, he was born Aug. 10, 1915, at Lovett, Ind. He graduated from Lovett High School and was a member of the Baptist Church.

He moved to Iowa in 1937 and was married to Edna Maxine Purdum on Sept. 29, 1940. She served with the U.S. Army in the European theater for three years during World War II and received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Rowell served as city marshal for Montezuma and was a volunteer firefighter. he worked as a heavy-construction mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; his mother, Lottie Sumpter of North Vernon, Ind.; two sons, Charles of Grant, Ala., and Leon of Blue Grass; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Righthouse of Dupont, Ind., and Nona Timbers of Seymour, Ind.; and one brother, Marvel Rowell of Commiski, Ind.

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Charles FRANK ROWELL

Services for Charles Franklin Rowell, 68 of Montezuma, were held Nov. 18, 1983. Frank succumbed of a fatal heart attack Friday morning at his home.

The son of James and Lottie Rowell, he was born on Aug. 10, 1915 at Lovett, Ind. He was graduated from Lovett High School and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Work brought him to Iowa in 1937 where he met and married Edna Maxine Purdum Sept. 29, 1940.

He served with the U.S. Army in the European Theater for three years during World War II and received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained.

He served as a Montezuma City Marshall as well as a volunteer fire fighter. He was a heavy construction mechanic, working on many construction jobs.

Survivors include his wife, Edna of Montezuma; his mother, Lottie Sumpter of North Vernon, Ind.; two sons: Charles Rowell and wife Nan of Grant, Alabama, and Leon Rowell and wife Pat of Blue Grass; seven grandchildren and two step grandchildren: Teresa, Richard, Curt and Sonya Rowell of Mississippi; Lori, Daniel and Lisa Rowell of Iowa; Melissa and Chris Cullum of Alabama; two sisters: Lucille Righthouse of Dupont, Ind., and Nona Timbers of Seymour, Ind., and one brother Narvel Rowell of Commiski, Ind.; and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Nov. 28, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. Bobby Dickerson of Christian Church, Montezuma, officiating.

Casket-bearers were Bill Bushong, Dennis Watts, Kenneth Maschmann, Dick Doll, Ernest Wilcox, Everett Freeborn, Jr.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Military Honors were by Blakely-Stevens Post No. 169 of Montezuma.
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