

Madison Sams Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for Madison Sams were conducted by the Rev. Max Johnson and the Rev. Ernest Grimm at the Christian Church in Montezuma Monday afternoon, November 24. Music was provided by Wanda Rae Sams, Donna DeMoss and Mrs. Charles Westendorf.

Casket bearers were Earl Minner, Afton Minner, George Minner, Perry Malloy, Charles Curry and Madison Curry. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery.

Mr. Sams, 88, passed away Saturday, November 22, in the Mahaska Hospital, Oskaloosa.

The son of Henry and Lucy Sams, he was born May 1, 1881, near Bucklin, Mo. His mother died when he was five years old and he was raised by his grandparents. He grew up in Missouri and then moved to Iowa where he worked on farms near New Sharon and Lacey.

On Dec. 19, 1912, he married Phebe Minner Fry and to this union seven children were born. They also raised his wife's son, Omer Fry. Mr. and Mrs. Sams lived in Mahaska County until 1918 when they moved to the Forest Home community. In 1931 they moved to Montezuma.

For the past two years Mr. Sams has lived with his daughter in Oskaloosa. Before his retirement, Mr. Sams worked in Montezuma and was employed by the county. He was a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Jerrett (Zella) Beal of Oskaloosa; two sons, Adrian of Montezuma and Madison Jr. of rural New Sharon; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife; four sons; a stepson; and a grandson.