

Cornie Sterk

Cornie Sterk, 87, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Oct. 2, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were held Friday at the First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma, with the Revs. George M. Salnave and Michael Smith officiating. Soloist was Darrell Brand, and organist was Tom Sandholm. Casket bearers were Harold Wheeler, Mike Phillips, Phil Evans, Roger Watson, Frank Wheeler, Bill Rempp, Kenneth Hoksbergen and Gerrit Septer.

Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma, with Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Deilis and Berdena Vroegh Sterk and was born Oct. 12, 1913, near Pella. They farmed near Tracy and Barnes City before moving to Montezuma in February 1946. They moved to Grinnell two years ago.

Mr. Sterk was a member of the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church and Montezuma Lions Club. He was a 50-year member of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau, a 4-H leader, honorary chapter farmer of the Montezuma FFA and a volunteer at the Presbyterian Family Center.

Surviving are his wife; five sons, Dallas of Grinnell, Leroy of Montezuma, Wayne of Grinnell, Leo of Indianola, Kenneth of Lakewood, Colo., and Glenn of Grinnell; three daughters, Phyllis Hutchinson of West Des Moines, Ruby Welsh of Nebraska City, Neb., and Connie Bryan of Oskaloosa; 24 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one brother, Pete of New Sharon; and one sister, Gertrude Bowers of Bettendorf.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Lions Club or the National Kidney Foundation.

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Cornie Sterk, 87, of Grinnell, Iowa died Oct. 2, 2001 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 5, 2001 at First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, Iowa. Dr. George M. Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma and Rev. Michael Smith of the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell officiated. Music was provided by Darrell Brand, soloist singing "Beyond The Sunset" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" accompanied by Tom Sandholm, organist. Congregation hymn was "Faith of Our Fathers".

Casket bearers were Harold Wheeler, Mike Phillips, Phil Evans, Roger Watson, Frank Wheeler, Bill Rempp, Kenneth Hoksbergen and Gerrit (Shorty) Septer. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Memorials may be directed to Montezuma Lions Club or the National Kidney Foundation.

He was born Oct. 12, 1913 in Mahaska County, near Pella, Iowa, the son of Deilis and Berdena (Vroegh) Sterk. On December 21, 1933 he was united in marriage with Minnie Van Veldhuizen at the Christian Reformed parsonage in Oskaloosa, Iowa. To this union 10 children were born. They farmed in Tracy and Barnes City before moving to Montezuma

in February, 1946. They moved to Grinnell two years ago. He was a member of the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma Lions Club, and a 50 year member of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau. He was also a 4-H leader, Honorary Chapter Farmer of the Montezuma FFA and was a volunteer

at the Presbyterian Family Center. He also enjoyed going to sales.

Mr. Sterk was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, John, Bill and Tunis; 3 sisters, Nellie, Grace and Johanna; and a son, Harlan in 1980.

Mr. Sterk is survived by his wife, Minnie of Grinnell, and their family, Dallas and Lola Sterk of Grinnell, Leroy and

Florence Sterk, Montezuma; Wayne Sterk, Grinnell; Leo and Marilyn Sterk of Indianola; Kenneth Sterk of Lakewood, Colo.; Phyllis and Joe Hutchinson of West Des Moines, Iowa; Glenn and Ginger Sterk of Grinnell; Ruby and Bill Welsh of Nebraska City, Neb. and Connie and Rick Bryan of Oskaloosa, Iowa; 24 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Pete Sterk of New Sharon; 1 sister, Gertrude Bowers of Bettendorf, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and many friends.

Watts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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MR October 10, 2001