

## Strong services held Thursday

H-R November 5, 1979

Levi W. Strong, 73, of Montezuma, died Monday afternoon in Grinnell General Hospital of a lingering illness.

Funeral services for Levi Strong were held Thursday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m. in the Steffy Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. John Epperson of the First Christian Church in Grinnell, officiating.

Mrs. Darwin Palmer was the organist and Mrs. Doug Smiley sang "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Going Down the Valley."

Honorary casket-bearers were John Iverson, Chuck Knockuyt, Deane Casey, Earl Altemeier, Paul Case, Max Robertson and Ralph Walters. Casket-bearers were Keith Watts, Lyle Watts, Dennis Watts, Tom Steffen, David Steffen and Roger Steffen. Interment was in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Born Aug. 10, 1906 in Mahaska county, he was the

son of Jonathan and Christine Ferneau Strong. He attended rural schools and Barnes City High School. He was a member of the Indianapolis Christian Church, and married Erna Steffen on Nov. 25, 1936 in Oskaloosa.

He farmed until 1964, and in 1966 moved with his wife to Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Lloyd Strong; and a grandchild in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Erna; his children and their families, Howard and Kennetha Strong of Searsboro, Larry and Juanita Gaye Gwin of Brooklyn, Jerry and JoAnn Hampton of Houston, Tex., Lonnie and Beth Strong of Malcom, and Lemont and Beverly Stron of Deep River; three sisters, Ina Stabler, Mae Watts, and Fae Vail, all of Montezuma; and one brother, Dwight Strong of Altoona.

## Levi Strong buried here

Services for Levi Walker Strong of Brooklyn were conducted by the Rev. John Epperson Thursday afternoon, Nov. 1, at the Steffy Funeral Home. Music was provided by soloist Mrs. Eileen Smiley accompanied by organist Mrs. Hazel Palmer.

Casket bearers were Lyle Watts, Keith Watts, Dennis Watts, Tom Steffen, David Steffen and Roger Steffen. Honorary bearers were Paul Case, John Iverson, Chuck Kochuyt, Deane Casey, Ralph Walters, Max Robertson and Earl Altemeier. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

Mr. Strong, 73, died Monday, Oct. 29, at Grinnell General Hospital. He had been ill several years.

The son of Johnathan and Christena Strong, he was born Aug. 10, 1906, in Mahaska County. As a youth he lived in

the Barnes City community and attended Barnes City High School. On Nov. 25, 1936, he was married to Erna Steffen at Oskaloosa. He farmed in Mahaska and Poweshiek counties until moving to Brooklyn in 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Erna, of Brooklyn; five children and their spouses, Howard and Kennetha Strong of Searsboro, Gage and Larry Gwinn of Brooklyn, Joann and Jerry Hampton of Houston, Tex., Lonnie and Beth Strong of Malcom and Lamont and Beverly Strong of Deep River; 14 grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Ina Stabler, Mrs. Fae Vail and Mrs. Mae Watts, all of Montezuma; and a brother, Dwight, of Altoona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Lloyd, and a granddaughter.

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