

## Arthur A. Cook, 95

Arthur A. Cook, 95, of Pella, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004 at Pella Regional Medical Center, Pella.

His funeral service was Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. James Beranek of the Pella United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren.

The youngest of eight children, Art was born on May 27, 1909, at Ramsey, Ill., the son of William A. and Louisa (Nichols) Cook. He was a World War II veteran serving in the Navy Seabees. He became a cable splicer for AT&T installing the overhead line through Ewart. On June 7, 1930, he was united in marriage with Gladys Roberts at the Methodist parsonage in Marengo. To this union, one son was born. They moved to Montezuma in 1937 and he was the area representative for Great Lakes Pipe Line which later became Williams Brothers Pipe Line. In 1955, Williams

Pipe Line transferred them to Wilmer, Minn. Art retired in 1969 and they returned to Montezuma. Seven years ago they moved to Pella to be closer to their son and family. Art was a member of the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post at Montezuma.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Gladys, of Pella; a son and his wife, Sheridan and Marilyn Cook of Otley; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a niece that was raised by Art's parents, Blanche Ready, of Effingham, Ill.; several nieces and nephews and other friends.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Ernest and Fred, and four sisters, Maggie Anderson, Margie Fraley, Blanche Price and Florence Stroble.

Memorials in his name may be directed to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Department or the Montezuma Public Library.

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