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His funeral service was Monday, July 12, at Watts Funeral Home with Chaplain Cary Van Kampen, Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Steve Thompson, Jeff Hasley, Curt Hutchinson, Chad Thompson, Dale Lamb and Larry Walz.

Harold was born on April 29, 1915, at Montezuma, the son of Howard and Sylvia (Tish) Thompson. On March 23, 1940, he was united in marriage with Eleanor Parker at the Little Brown Church at Nashua. To this union, four children were born, Gary, Darlene, Louise and Delmar. They farmed north of Montezuma. Eleanor died April 2, 2002. Harold was a life-long member of the Farm Bureau. He had served as a school director of Pleasant Township No.

6 and a trustee of Pleasant Township. He and Eleanor loved to dance and especially enjoyed Kenny Hofer. They enjoyed visiting with the neighbors, playing cards and watching television, especially Lawrence Welk and Guy Lombardo. They especially enjoyed being with family.

Harold is survived by his family, Gary (& Phyllis) Thompson of Montezuma; Darlene (& Larry) Hasley of Mouth of Wilson, Va.; Louise (& Roger) Hutchinson of Troy, Mo.; and Delmar (& Jeannie) Thompson of Montezuma; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Fern Slagle, of Brooklyn; two brothers, Lester, of Montezuma and Ray, of New Sharon; a sister-in-law, Ruth Lamb, of Grinnell; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor.

A memorial in his name has been established for the Montezuma Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Department.

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