

Cleo B. Thomas, 70

Cleo B. Thomas died August 29, 1999, at The Abby Nursing Home. He was 70 years old. A funeral service was held Sept. 1 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Ken Wallace officiating. Burial was at the Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Music was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Peace in the Valley," and "Green, Green Grass of Home" Margaret Wheeler was the organist.

Casket bearers were Cyle Brown, Scott Sadler, George Clark, John See, Delbert Metz, and Jerry Thomas.

The son of Charles McKinney and Flonnie Thompson Thomas, Cleo was born Oct. 21, 1928, in Rock Creek Township, Jasper County, Iowa. He attended rural school near his home and completed his education in the Malcom School District following his family's move to Malcom in 1943.

Thomas worked on the Johnson farm near Malcom for several years and later helped his mother and father farm for many years. He moved to the

Montezuma Senior Home in 1993 and most recently had been a resident at The Abby Nursing Home in Des Moines.

Thomas was a member of the Malcom United Methodist Church. He was active on the farm and held a great love for the outdoors. He enjoyed animals, fishing, gardening, and raising his cows. He was a sports enthusiast and an avid reader. He was well versed in the Bible and held a strong faith in the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1980; his brother, Glen, a casualty of World War II at the Battle of the Bulge; and a brother and sister in infancy, Donald and Irene Thomas.

Survivors include his mother, Flonnie of Grinnell; one brother, Lawrence Thomas of Montezuma; three sisters, Louise See of Altoona, Lillian Leadmon of Newton, and Dorothy Thomas of Altoona; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Malcom United Methodist Church.

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Cleo B. Thomas, 70, a resident of The Abbey Nursing Home in Des Moines, formerly of Malcom, died Sunday, Aug. 29, at the nursing home.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ken Wallace, pastor of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and casket bearers were Cyle Brown, George Clark, Delbert Metz, Scott Sadler, John See and Jerry Thomas.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

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his education in the Malcom School District following his family's move to Malcom in 1943.

He worked on the Johnson farm near Malcom for several years and later helped his parents farm. He moved to the Montezuma Senior Home in 1993, then to The Abbey.

He was a member of the Malcom United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his mother; one brother, Lawrence of Montezuma; and three sisters, Louise See of Altoona, Lillian Leadmon of Newton and Dorothy Thomas of Altoona.

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