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May 1, 1996

Elmer Urfer

Elmer Allen Urfer, 79, of rural Montezuma died Friday, April 26, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. Brian Carter, pastor of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Ramsey, and pallbearers were David, Nathan and Josh Urfer; Jay Martin; Steve Heck and Franklin Norton.

Military graveside rites were conducted by members of the Blakley-Stevens Legion Post, with burial in Jackson Township Cemetery.

The son of Frank and Bertha Urfer, he was born Aug. 15, 1916, in rural Malcom. He attended rural school and graduated from Malcom High School in 1934. He helped his father on the farm until being drafted into the U.S. Army in March 1941. He served overseas and was honorably discharged in December 1945.

He was married to Vera Peterson May 30, 1946, in Montezuma. He farmed and was an aide in the Poweshiek County Conservation District.

Mr. Urfer was a member of Midway Grange, the American Legion, the Farm Bureau and the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Sam of Moscow Mills, Mo., Ron of Montezuma, Don of Newton and Jim of Malcom; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Paul; and one sister, Florence Norton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Home Care.

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On May 30, 1946 he was united in marriage with Vera Peterson at Montezuma. They were to have observed their 50th anniversary this year. To this union four sons were born.

He farmed the family farm, was a conservation aid for Poweshiek County Conservation, helped his son tile and was never too busy to help the rest of his family when needed.

He was a member of Midway Grange, Blakley - Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 of Montezuma, Farm Bureau and the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

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He is survived by his wife, Vera; four sons and their wives, Sam and Peggy of Moscow Mills, Mo., Ron and Nancy of Montezuma, Don and Marla of Newton and Jim and Gina of Malcom; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and other relatives and many friends.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Paul Urfer and one sister, Florence Norton.

Funeral was held April 29 at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Officiating - Rev. Brian Carter, United Methodist Church in Montezuma. Congregational Hymn - "How Great Thou Art"; Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey, organist. Recorded selections - "Grandpa" and "Once in a While." Casket bearers - David Urfer, Nathan Urfer, Josh Urfer, Jay Martin, Steve Heck and Franklin Norton. Flower attendants - Frank and Carol Helm. Military graveside rites conducted by members of Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery.

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