

Cecil Van Cleave Funeral Rites Held At Montezuma

Funeral services for Cecil Van Cleave were conducted by the Rev. Howard Hayes at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Steffy Funeral Home. Music was provided by soloist William Trinkle accompanied by Nancy Gorsuch, organist.

Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jim Hedrick, Richard Hedrick, William Hedrick, Ronald Hedrick, Charles Van Cleave and Edward Van Cleave.

Mr. Van Cleave, 83, passed away Sunday, Nov. 24, at a Montezuma nursing home.

The son of James and Laura Pugh Van Cleave, he was born Dec. 30, 1884, at Marquette, Neb.

He attended school in Nebraska until the family moved to Granville, Iowa, when he was nine years old. Several years later his father died and he began working.

On Jan. 29, 1912, he married

Edith Smith. To this union five children were born. Their entire married life was spent farming in Poweshiek County until 1926 when they moved to town and he began working on highway maintenance. During the past few years he has worked for the municipal water plant.

Mr. Van Cleave was a member of a rural Methodist Church near Brooklyn and a 50-member of the Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Marie of Montezuma, Raymond of Bertoud, Colo., Ernest of Waterloo, Melvin of Cedar Rapids; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one brother, Sam of Ottumwa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Mrs. Alene Hedrick; three brothers, Chet, Earl and Guy; and one sister, Mrs. Essie Durbin.