

## Funeral Services For Ray Van Deventer Held Wednesday At Steffy Funeral Home

Funeral services for Ray Van Deventer were conducted by the Rev. Howard Hayes Wednesday afternoon, January 15, at the Steffy Funeral Home. William Rempp was soloist at the rites accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood, organist.

Casket bearers were Clifford Beyer, Harley Bryan, Dale Watts, Floyd Tarvin, William Hinegardner and Lawrence Fleming. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery.

Mr. Van Deventer, 66, died suddenly Sunday, January 12.

The son of Peter and Ethel Purdum Van Deventer, he was born at Dean, Iowa, on Sept. 28, 1902. He attended school in Dean and moved with his family to Montezuma in 1921. He worked for a grocery store several years and later managed a local tire shop.

In 1929 he was united in marriage with Verna Beason. She passed away about a year and a half after their marriage.

He was united in marriage with Iva Darland in La Plata, Mo., in 1931. To this union three children were born. One son, Darrell, passed away in 1938.

Ray worked for the State Highway Commission and during World War II moved to Des Moines where he worked as a guard at the Des Moines Ordnance Plant. The family returned to Montezuma where he was employed by the Poweshiek County Highway Department for 24 years. For the past year he has been manager of the bowling alley.

Ray was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Montezuma Fire Department for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, and two sisters, Ruth and Florence.

He is survived by his wife; their daughter, Mrs. Shirley Hutton of Roswell, N.M.; their son, Larry of Salt Lake City, Utah; five grandchildren, Kenneth and Susan Hutton; Russell, Lisa and Mace Van Deventer; four brothers, Clell of Cedar Falls, Lazell of Rockford, Lloyd of Davenport and Lavern of Ferguson.