

Allen W. Wheeler

Allen Webber Wheeler, 84, of Montezuma, died Sunday, May 20, 2001 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, May 23, 2001 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma. Rev. H. Burr Bryant of the United Methodist Church officiated. Rhonda Minner was the soloist, accompanied by Kathleen Ramsey, organist.

Casket bearers were Jason Wheeler, Harold Wheeler, Frank Helm, Scott Brady, Gordon Alexander and Gary Thompson. Roger Tice, Forrest Gorsuch and Ralph Wambsgans were honorary casket bearers.

Interment was in the Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Aztec Lodge No. 238 performed a Knights of Pythias Service and the members of the Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169 and V.F.W. Post No. 8876 held military graveside rites.

He was born August 16, 1916 at Montezuma, Iowa, the son of Sid and Blanche (Webber) Wheeler. He graduated from Montezuma High School. He served his country in the Air Force during World

War II. On December 16, 1945 he was united in marriage with Pauline F. Smith at Montezuma. To this union three children were born, Susan, Eugene and Marianne.

They farmed all of their life near Montezuma until they retired and moved into town. He was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, Knights of Pythias, Aztec Lodge No. 238, the Blakley-Stevens American Legion post No. 169 and V.F.W. Post No. 8876.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters, Bernice Alexander, Edna Womeldorf and Eleanor Mason and a brother, Glen.

Allen is survived by his wife, Pauline and their family: Susan & David Brady and Eugene & Deb Wheeler, all of Urbandale, IA; Marianne and Tom Collum of Grinnell, 5 grandchildren, Jason Wheeler, Jessica Wheeler, Julie Luloff, Scott Brady and Cory Kerr; 1 great granddaughter, Ashley Luloff; 1 brother, Frank Wheeler of Montezuma, 2 sisters, Alice Keen of DeWitt, IA, and Irene McFerren of Rockford, IL.

Memorials may be sent to Knights of Pythias, Aztec Lodge No. 238.



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