

M R Bevan Wilcox, 88 *Aug. 26, 1998*

Bevan J. Wilcox, 88, of Montezuma died Friday, Aug. 21, 1998 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

His funeral was Monday, Aug. 24 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. The Rev. H. Burr Bryant of United Methodist Church officiated.

Soloist Rhonda Minner sang "One Day At A time" and "In the Garden." She was accompanied by organist Kathleen Ramsey.

Pall Bearers were Larry Huff, Duane Phelps, Bill Bushong, Jim Fisk, Jim "Bud" Fisk and Larry Boughton.

Led by Willard Ellis, a Masonic service was conducted by Lafayette Lodge No. 52 A.F. & A.M., and military graveside rites were performed by members of Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post. No. 169.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma

Bevan was born June 6, 1910 in Oskaloosa, the son of Dr. Edgar Boope Wilcox and Margaret Pearl (Bevan) Wilcox. When he was a young boy, Bevan's mother died and his father married Caroline Walker.

He graduated from Oskaloosa High School and attended William Penn College, the University of Iowa and a medical college for one year in Louisville, Ky.

He was a World War II Navy veteran.

On June 11, 1941, Bevan married Ruth I. Howell in Des Moines. To this union, five sons were born.

Ruth and Bevan farmed most of their lives near Montezuma. Ruth died June 17, 1989. Since her death, Bevan has enjoyed the company of a dear family friend, June Shurts.

He was a members of the United Methodist Church and Montezuma Lions Club. He was also a Mason and member of Lafayette Lodge No. 52 A.F. & A.M. and KAABA Shrine. He also belonged to Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169.

Bevan was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, his wife, Ruth; a son, Edgar; and a brother, Leigh.

He is survived by four sons, James of Barnes City, Ernest of Montezuma, Leigh and his wife Barb of Montezuma and Daniel and his wife, Elaine of Lake Jackson, Texas; three grandchildren, Cheryl Farrington, Chad Wilcox and Michael Wilcox; two great-grand-children, Andrea and Cassandra Farrington; a dear friend, June Shurts and her family; a sister, Margaret Waechter of Pella; and a half-brother, George Walker of Oskaloosa.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners.