

Leslie Hildebrand

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A funeral service was held Oct. 6, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Vocal music was by Barry Soukup and organist was Alice Underwood. Memorials may be made to Grinnell United Methodist Church or Montezuma United Methodist Church.

He was born April 28, 1914, near Forest Home in Poweshiek County. He attended school in Montezuma for several years, then graduated from Lacey High School in Lacey, Iowa. He was married Dec. 28, 1937, in Lancaster, Mo., to Esther McNeal. They farmed near New Sharon, Barnes City and Montezuma before operating the Coast to Coast Store in Montezuma for seven years. They moved to Grinnell about 25 years ago.

He is survived by his wife Esther of Grinnell; three daughters. Cheryl Pitcher of Colorado Springs, Colo., Vickie Bunnell of Grinnell and Lezlie Hildebrand Melendy, Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren and two step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lester, John and Ray Hildebrand and one sister Faye Stutzman.

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Memorials in his name may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

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