

Lloyd M. Van Gorp, 94

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Lloyd M. Van Gorp, 94, of Montezuma died Saturday, March 29, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

His funeral service was Tuesday, April 1, at 10 a.m. at the Watts Funeral Home at Montezuma with the Rev. George Salnave officiating. Burial was at the Friends Cemetery at New Sharon.

Lloyd was born May 15, 1908, at Lacey, the oldest child of Harry and Verna Robertson Van Gorp. He was married to Mary Balcerak at Crown Point, Ind., on Nov. 10, 1927. To this union three sons were born, Donald, Kenneth and Marvin.

Early in his life, Lloyd farmed for several years. He then began operating a plumbing and heating business, Van Gorp Plumbing and Heating, in New Sharon, and later in Montezuma. In 1952, he went into the farm equipment business in Montezuma, operating the John Deere dealership, Perry Implement Company, until 1972. He often spoke fondly of memories about friends and customers. After working in the implement business, he worked for the Farm and Home Administration for

several years. In his retirement years, he enjoyed many winters in Florida. His wife, Mary, died on July 2, 1981. He was united in marriage at Florida on April 6, 1986, with Evelyn M. Ray, and she died Oct. 9, 2000.

He is survived by a son and his wife, Marvin and Mary Van Gorp of Montezuma; two daughters-in-law, Juanita Van Gorp of Dallas, Texas, and Barbara McCulley of New Sharon; nine grandchildren, Carol Paulus, Larry, David and Wayne Van Gorp, Diane Hester, Kathleen Watts, Marveen Arvidson, Marchelle Goodman, and LeAnn Stewart; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Dedelow of Winter Springs, Fla.; and a brother and his wife, Paul and Mildred Van Gorp of Hessville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by wives Mary and Evelyn; two sons, Kenneth and Donald; a brother, Leland Van Gorp; and two sisters, Nellie Van Gorp and Esther Sanders.

Memorials may be made to the Montezuma Presbyterian Church Family Center.