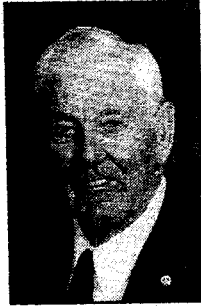


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## Farrell R. Johnson, 85



Farrell Raymond Johnson, 85, of Montezuma, died Friday, March 4, 2005 at New Hampton, Iowa.

His funeral service was Tuesday, March 8, at the United Methodist Church, Montezuma, with the Rev. Jo Hary officiating. A Masonic service was held Monday, March 7, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma. Interment, with military rites by members of the Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 296 of Montezuma, was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers were Terry Johnson, Allen Johnson, Aaron Johnson, Rae VanRoekel, Eugene Mann and Andrew Babcock.

Honorary pallbearers were Sheryl Johnson, Merriah Meisner, Ann Johnson, Duane Phelps, Chris Schenley, Bob Willett, Dick Bowers, Lawrence Fleming, Junior Sharp, John Mann and Dan VanRoekel.

Farrell was born Oct. 19, 1919, at Malcom, the son of Ray L. and Gussie (Stephen) Johnson. Farrell served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. On March 2, 1947, he was united in marriage with Iona Icenbice at the United Methodist Church in

Montezuma. To this union, two children were born, Terry and Sheryl. He was a farmer all of his life. Farrell was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, KAABA Shrine and was a 60-year member of the American Legion. Farrell served as Worshipful Master and many other offices of Golden Rod Lodge No. 512 and Lafayette Lodge No. 52. He was an avid Iowa State Fair attendee and worked at the Fair for many years. He was a past member of the Deep River-Millersburg school board and had served as a 4-H leader. He was the "Mayor of Madison Street" serving several terms and enjoyed gardening and flowers.

Farrell is survived by his wife of 58 years, Iona, and their family, Terry and Jane Johnson of New Hampton and Sheryl Johnson of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; four grandchildren, Allen and (Tanya) Johnson, Aaron Johnson, Ann Johnson and Merriah Meisner; one brother, Gerald J. Johnson (Mary), of Newhall; four sisters, Doris Brown of Malcom; Betty Harbert of Stockton, Ill.; Marlys Hopwood of Deep River and Louise Sanders of Springfield, Mo.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Sean Meisner; three sisters, Elaine Kirby, Ina Mae Boyd and Marveen Wilson and two brothers, Carmen and Raymond.

Memorials in his name may be directed to Hospice of North Iowa or Montezuma Volunteer Ambulance Service.