

## Duane F. Phelps, 75



Duane Floyd Phelps, 75, of Montezuma, died at his home on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005.

His funeral service was Wednesday, Oct. 19, at United Methodist Church, Montezuma.

with the Rev. Joann Hary officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casketbearers were Chad Baethke, Bart Knowles, Jarrod Phelps, Travis Phelps, Brandon Phelps and Daryl Pargeon.

Honorary casketbearers were Kasy Knowles, Karly Knowles, Kyla Knowles, Celie Corken, Lindsey Wolfe, Autumn Baethke and Laura Lund.

Duane was born Jan. 9, 1930, at Guernsey, the son of Cecil L. and Louise (Grier) Phelps. He graduated

from Guernsey High School in 1947 where he excelled in sports. On Jan. 14, 1951, he was united in marriage with Patricia Greenhalgh at the Montezuma United Methodist Church. A farmer all of his life, they farmed northeast of Montezuma before moving into town. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Masons, Shrine, Eastern Star and Montezuma Lions Club.

Duane is survived by his wife, Pat Phelps of Montezuma; a son, Dennis (and Jan) Phelps of Montezuma; two daughters, Deanna (and Mark) Knowles of Ankeny and Lory Baethke of Des Moines; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Barbara Phelps, a granddaughter, Denae Knowles and a sister, Phylis Nelson.

Memorials in his name may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department or the United Methodist Church.

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Visitation will be Tuesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. A Masonic service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

A complete obituary will be published in the next edition of *The Montezuma Republican*.

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