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Richard D. Rabenold, 83



Richard D. Rabenold, 83, of Montezuma, died Friday, April 29, at Jefferson County Hospital in Fairfield, surrounded by his family, after a seven-year struggle with Alzheimer's.

His funeral service was held Tuesday, May 3, at the First United Presbyterian Church in Montezuma.

Dick was born in Ainsworth, Iowa, on Oct. 9, 1921. He attended Ottumwa High School, but moved his senior year and graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1939, where he was Second Team All-State in football. From there, he went to William Penn College where he played both football and basketball for the Statesmen, graduating in 1943 with a degree in math and chemistry.

Because it was war time, he enlisted in the Air Force and became a fighter pilot. After the war he and his family moved to Montezuma and opened a Western Auto store and Rabenolds' Department Store,

which they owned and operated on the square for more than 40 years. He was a member of the American Legion. On March 2, 1947, he married Ruth Mason. The couple had two children.

Dick was a hard worker and a dedicated family man who loved golf, watching his grandsons play sports for PCM, and the Hawkeyes. He was the Montezuma Country Club champion for many years.

Dick is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth Rabenold; daughter Jacki (Joel) Grier of Monroe; son Dick (Janis) Rabenold of Pleasant Hill; and two grandsons, Brad Grier (Liz Dennis) of Des Moines and Bret (Alyssa) Grier of Prairie City.

He was preceded in death by his brother John Rabenold and sister, Mary Rabenold.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Iowa or the Presbyterian Family Center in Montezuma.

Friends may send the Rabenold family condolence messages by submitting them on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.