

Edward Michael Ammann, 92

Edward Michael Ammann, 92, of Montezuma, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Comfort House in Pella.

His Masonic Service was held Friday evening, March 24, conducted by members of Lafayette Lodge No. 52 AF & AM.

His funeral service was Saturday, March 25, at the First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma, with the Rev. Dr. George M. Salnave officiating. Interment was at the Masonic-IOOF Cemetery, Montezuma. Arrangements were handled by Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.

Casket bearers were James M. Smothers, Kevin Battreall, Brett Gregory, Kevin Carpenter, Brian VanRoekel and Michael Smothers.

Honorary Casket bearers were Roger Cox, Russell Cox, Maynard Hutchinson and George Fowler.

Mike was born Feb. 18, 1914, on the family farm in Poweshiek County, the son of Joseph and Beryl (Dunton) Ammann. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1932. On Jan. 1, 1936, he was united in marriage with Maxine Elizabeth Cox at Montezuma. To this union two daughters were born, Virginia and Miriam. Mike farmed before joining the Montezuma State Bank in 1944. He

retired as a cashier in 1964 and was serving on the Board of Directors, a position he had held for over 50 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, was a 50-year Mason and member of the Lafayette Lodge No. 52 AF & AM and until just recently had served for over 55 years on the Montezuma Public Library Board. Mike collected coins and was a member of the Oskaloosa and Grinnell Coin Clubs. He had a love for Montezuma and the Montezuma School system. He enjoyed Brave and Bravette sports and all of the other activities that his grandchildren and community were involved in.

Mike is survived by his family, daughters Virginia (and James) Smothers and Miriam (and Dick) Gregory, all of Montezuma; five grandchildren, James M. (and Bev) Smothers of Montezuma, Lori (and Brian) VanRoekel of Grinnell, Vicki (and Kevin) Battreall of Montezuma, Brett (and Traci) Gregory of Montezuma and Michelle (and Kevin) Carpenter of Story City; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Peters of Cedar Rapids; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, in 2002; a brother, Willard, in infancy, and a sister, Helen Johnston.

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