

Earnest L. Cabbage Sr., 78



Earnest Lee Cabbage Sr., 78, died Tuesday at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

His funeral service was Friday, Dec. 23, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Dennis

Dorsheimer of the Montezuma Jackson Church of Christ officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery in Ewart. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Bryan Davis, Doug Bush, Paul VanRoekel, Kirk Gunderson, Kevin Gunderson and Kent Gunderson.

Earnest Lee Cabbage was born July 27, 1927, at Hopewell, Kansas, the son of Wilbur O. and Winnie (Wilkenson) Cabbage. He served his country in the U.S. Airforce. On April 29, 1950, he was united in marriage with Alta M. Vanderpool at Raton, New Mexico. Alta died Feb. 18, 1973. On Dec. 1, 1973, Earnest was united in marriage with Carolyn Johnson at Montezuma. Earnest farmed all of his life and was a farm hand for Ronald Arnaman for over 20

years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. Earnie liked to build things out of popsicle sticks including his Dutch Windmill. He made his home with Earnest and Lisa Cabbage in Belle Plaine for seven years before moving to St. Francis Manor in Grinnell one year ago.

Earnest is survived by his five children, Sharon (and Paul) Wurm of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Wilbur (and Becky) Cabbage of New Hope, Ark., Timothy (and Merry) Cabbage of Hewitt, Texas; Earnest J. (and Lisa) Cabbage of Belle Plaine and Wendy (and Craig) Douglas of Paris, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Brandon Wurm, Joshua Aden Cabbage, Joshua Alan Cabbage, Anthony Cabbage, Rebecca Cabbage, Katherine Cabbage, Jacob Watson, Zachary Watson, Garret Douglas and Kendra Douglas; five great-grandchildren, David Lee Cabbage, Seth Cabbage, Swayze Cabbage, Breanna Wurm and Justine Wurm and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alta Mae; one sister in infancy and three half-brothers.

Memorial contributions in his name may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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