

Gwenda L. Walker, 76



Gwenda L. Walker, 76, of Montezuma died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines.

Her funeral service was Monday, Feb. 13, at Watts Funeral Home,

Montezuma, with Pastor David Pinkerton of New Sharon officiating. Interment was at the Barnes City Cemetery, Barnes City.

Casketbearers were Bill Gorsuch, Michael Walker, Brad Walker, Andrew Walker, Scott Gray and Larry Leopard.

Gwenda was born Feb. 6, 1930 in Poweshiek County, the daughter of Louis H. and Lela (Bryan) Jones. She graduated from Barnes City High School in 1946. On Feb. 28, 1948 she was united in marriage with Melvin Walker at Oskaloosa. To this union five

children were born. She worked at Sig Manufacturing for 28 years, retiring as a foreman in 1994. She was a member of the First Christian Church. She was an avid reader, watched sports and especially enjoyed the Hawks, Cubs and the Montezuma Braves and Bravettes.

Gwenda is survived by her family, Louise Gray and her friend, Duane Jackson, of Knoxville; Dr. Melvin (and Linda) Walker of Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Marvin (and Marie) Walker of Des Moines; Margaret (and Dennis) Hutchinson of Montezuma and Meryll (and Jim) Hicks of Montezuma; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Louis (Bill) and Janice Jones of Belton, Mo.; one sister, Charolette (Peggy) and Glenn Plate of Oskaloosa and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials in her name may be directed to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department or the Montezuma Public Library.