

and his wife Brenda, stepdaughter Joleen Willardson and her husband Ben, granddaughters Kristine Diffor, Angela Widner, Alexandria Willardson, Isabella Willardson, grandsons Robert Gorsuch, Daniel Isch, Konrad Isch, Brett Wright, Nick Wright, and many beloved great grandchildren.



John Gorsuch

May 4, 1928 - Aug. 28, 2018

John Gorsuch, 90, of Montezuma, died at his home Aug. 23. Services were held Aug. 28. at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma. Committal service and interment followed at Jackson Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends are encouraged to make memorial contributions to Unity Point Grinnell Regional Hospice.

John was born May 4, 1928, the son of Louis and Myrtle Gorsuch, and raised on their family farm east of Montezuma. He was a talented musician at an early age, played alto saxophone in fifth grade, often led the high school band, and had a lovely tenor voice in the church choir.

John joined the United States Navy in 1945-1946 and following basic training was sent to Okinawa and then stationed on the USS Holland near Manila. Following his tour in the Navy he graduated with his senior class at the Montezuma High School.

After high school he formed dance bands with other Montezuma musicians who also enjoyed making music together, but farming became the primary focus of his future.

June 15, 1947 he was united in marriage to Barbara Hudson, and they lived and worked together on the farm for forty years until her death in 1990. They were active in the Montezuma First Presbyterian Church (USA) and John served as an Elder and Trustee for many years. He also served on the Board of Poweshiek Mutual Insurance Association for twenty years, was a member of the Barnes City Cooperative, and numerous other community organizations. After Barbara's death, John was fortunate to know Kathleen Wright through church gatherings, and their friendship developed through the year leading to their marriage on January 5, 1991. Through good and lean years of hard work John was able to expand and sustain the family's farm. He will be remembered for his generosity and loving care for family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara (Hudson) Gorsuch, and his son David Gorsuch. He is survived by his wife Kathleen Wright-Gorsuch, daughter Nancy Gorsuch and her husband David Isch, daughter-in-law Kathleen Gorsuch, stepson Steve Wright

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