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James Van Arkel, 97 of Malcom, Iowa, passed away Friday, morning, July 6, 2018 at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the Montezuma

United Methodist Church. Burial will be at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Visitation was Monday, July 9, 2018 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma with the family presentthat evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Northeast Iowa Food Pantry or it may be directed to the family for a Montezuma FFA scholarship. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in

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tezuma United Methodist Church. They began farming in the Colfax and Prairie City areas for six years before moving to a farm west of Malcom in the Spring of 1952. Jim was a lifelong farmer and continued to farm and help out on the farm near Malcom until his death.

He was a charter member of the Montezuma Chapter of the FFA and won the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation award in the owner-operator division in 1964. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau since 1952, he served on the Malcom Farmer COOP Elevator Board for 12 years. He was also an active member of the Ewart Presbyterian Church from 1952 until it closed in Sept. of 2008. Jim also had a passion to support several charities.

His legacy will be honored by his children, Alan (Kathy) Van Arkel of Plainfield, Iowa, Sandra (Dan) Hibbs of Conrath, Wisconsin and David (Tracee) Van Arkel of Malcom, Iowa, 10 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; four sisters, Esther (Jim) Doonan, Ila (Robert) Ketter, Carolyn Van Arkel and Joann (Guy) Fortier and many nieces, nephews and friends.

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