

Wayne E. Gillaspie, 78

Wayne Eugene Gillaspie, 78, died on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 11 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. Boyd Sparks of the United Methodist Church, Deep River, officiating. Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. Military Services were performed by the Deep River American Legion. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Ed Evans, Charles Gillaspie, John Harriman, Ron Harriman, Kenneth Keller and Raymond Thompson.

Wayne, the son of Charles D. and Wilma D. Freese Gillaspie, was born Feb. 25, 1928, at Deep River. He graduated from Deep River with the Class of 1945. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

On June 6, 1946, Wayne was united in marriage with Betty Mae Bissett at Deep River. He worked for Sig Manufacturing

in Montezuma for 20 years. He retired from the maintenance department in February of 1995. Wayne was also a bus driver for Deep River. He had worked for Pitka Garage and Vannoy Chevrolet. Wayne had also operated the Texaco Station and had worked at Winegarden Hardware in Deep River. Wayne loved his family. He enjoyed country music shows, flying and coon hunting. He was a good friend and helpful neighbor to many. Wayne was a member of the American Legion in Deep River and the New Sharon 50+ Club.

Those left to honor Wayne's memory include his wife of 60 years, Betty Gillaspie, of Montezuma; his son, Danny L. (and Sara) Gillaspie of Enid, Okla.; his daughter, Susan K. (and Duane) Steinkraus of Waterloo; his three grandchildren, his six great-grandchildren; his sister, Sharon (and William) Harriman of Cedar Rapids and his many good neighbors and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents.