

Max E. Johnston, 88



Max E. Johnston, 88, of Montezuma, died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral service was Thursday, Feb. 22, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with burial following at the Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Max E. Johnston, the son of Tom K. Johnston and Mamie Ingram, was born on Feb. 12, 1919, in Poweshiek County. On Aug. 12, 1940, Max was united in marriage with Thelma Marie Richman at Unionville, Mo. He served his country in the United States Navy Sea Bees serving in the South Pacific. Max had worked for the Iowa Depart-

ment of Transportation, retiring as an operator foreman in 1991 after 35 years. He enjoyed playing cribbage, reading, gardening, watching Lawrence Welk and the Chicago Cubs, and listening to country music. Max had served on the Montezuma Fire Department for 25 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 169 and the V.F.W. Post No. 8876.

Max was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma, on July 6, 1993.

Those left to honor Max's memory include his son, Randy (and Deborah) Johnston of Denton, Texas; his daughter, Debra (and Gary) Martinson of Grimes; his six grandchildren, Brandie, Lance, Kyle, Matthew, Kara, and Rachel; his two great-grandchildren, Katryn and Kaden, and his sister, Geraldine Sanders of Montezuma.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grinnell Regional Medical Center and may be left at the funeral home.

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