

Ralph G. Phillips, 85



Ralph Garland Phillips, 85, of Montezuma, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines.

His funeral service was conducted Friday, Oct. 27, at the United Meth-

odist Church, Montezuma, with Pastor Joann Hary officiating. Burial followed at the Jackson Township Cemetery. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Ralph, the son of Lawrence Rufus and Mabel Gertrude Morrison Phillips, was born on March 2, 1921, at Delta. He graduated from the Grinnell Senior High School with the Class of 1938. Ralph answered the call of his country, serving in the United States Navy during World War II. On Jan. 25, 1947, Ralph was united in marriage with Bonnie LaVerne Barr at Oskaloosa. Together they moved to the Montezuma area and began his career in farming and agriculture. Ralph loved the land and the farming experience. He always enjoyed going to the cattle barn and buying cattle. Ralph was a member of the Barnes City American Legion, the Knights of Pythias, Farm Bureau and the

Cattlemen's Association.

Those left to honor Ralph's memory include daughters Judy (and Lyle) Roorda and Denise (and Alan) Rabenold all of Montezuma; sons Mike (and Debbie) Phillips of Montezuma and Mark (and Linnell) Phillips of Iowa City; his American Field Service daughter, Kari Flagge (and Finn) Heimstad of Norway; grandchildren Derrick (and Dawn) Roorda of Alameda, Calif., Matthew (and Sara) Roorda of Montezuma, Scott (and Sarah) Rabenold of Knoxville, Tenn., Marie (and Buddy) Boulton of Montezuma, Jill Phillips and Kaela Phillips of West Des Moines, Lindsay Phillips of Ames, Jennifer Phillips of Gilbert, Ariz., Brad Phillips of Iowa City, Kyle Phillips of Minneapolis, Minn.; great-grandchildren Cameron, Haley, Madeline and Miles Roorda, Elsie and Mia Boulton and Spencer Rabenold; sister Caroline Ellis of Brooklyn, brother Clifford (and Norma) Phillips of Prescott, Ariz.; sister-in-law Barbara Barr of Tucson, Ariz. and brother-in-law Oren James of Oskaloosa.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie, on April 14, 1983, and one brother, Paul.

Memorials in Ralph's name may be directed to the Fuller Sarvis Unit, Barnes City American Legion.

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