

Sylvan VeVerka, 93



Sylvan VeVerka, 93, of Montezuma, died Monday morning, April 9, 2007, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehab Center.

His funeral service was Wednesday, April 11 at Watts Funeral

Home, Montezuma, with Pastor Jo Hary, of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Arrangements were entrusted to Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.

Music was *The Old Rugged Cross*. Vocalist was Robert Haworth and organist was Sally Johnston.

Pallbearers were Sylvan's grandchildren including Ronald Haworth, Angie Cook, Rick Haworth, Brenda Burrough, Randall Haworth, Cheri Watson, Rachelle Haworth, Elliot VeVerka, Robyn Samuel, Nate VeVerka, Rhonda Bempah and Logan VeVerka.

Sylvan VeVerka, the son of Earl Nathaniel VeVerka and Gladys Boles, was born April 13, 1913, in Montezuma. He attended school at North English and was graduated from North English High School with the Class of 1932. Sylvan lived in North English during his younger years and the rest of his life in Montezuma.

On Feb. 23, 1938, Sylvan was united in marriage at Montezuma to Rachel Bertha Hicks. Together they farmed in rural Montezuma. Sylvan was a member of the Mon-

tezuma United Methodist Church for over 73 years, the Poweshiek Farm Bureau and a 50-year member of the Montezuma Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. Sylvan farmed many years with horses and his love for horses continued throughout his lifetime. He enjoyed woodworking and fishing. Sylvan was a licensed pilot and loved to fly. He owned an airplane until he was 80 years old.

He was preceded in death by his brother Delmar VeVerka in infancy, two granddaughters, Ramona Haworth and Rebecca Haworth, two sisters, Naomi Crawford and Marjorie Bunnell, and his stepsister, Ruth Landry.

Those left to honor the memory of Sylvan include his wife, Rachel VeVerka, of Montezuma; his daughter, Gladys and Robert Haworth of Montezuma and their children, Ronald (Janice) Haworth, Rick (Shirley) Haworth, Randall Haworth, Rachelle Haworth, Robyn (Prem) Samuel, Rhonda (Emmanuel) Bempah; his daughter, Barbara and Oran Watson of Montezuma and their children, Angie (Kyle) Cook, Brenda (Eric) Burrough, Cheri Watson; his son, Steve VeVerka of Deep River and his children, Elliot VeVerka, Nate VeVerka and Logan VeVerka; nine great-grandchildren, Joshua, Jay, Rachel, Sarah, Juliana; Lauren, Olivia, Owen and Ellen; stepsister Jean (Howard) Mohr of Williamsburg and many nieces and nephews and his many good neighbors and friends.

Memorials may be designated to the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

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Wednesday. Visitation with the family will be held from 10 a.m. until service time on Wednesday.

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A complete obituary will follow in the next edition of *The Montezuma Republican*.

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