

Garold 'Gary' Lidtka



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A funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at

Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Virgil Scott officiating. Interment followed at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom with military honors presented by Blakely Stevens Post #169. Memorials may be made to Dollars for Scholars for a career in aviation industries.

Gary Laverne Lidtka was born July, 22, 1919, in Malcom, the son of John and Anna Schultz Lidtka. He was a 1937 graduate of Montezuma High School. In 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in central Europe as a tank mechanic during World War II. During his years of military service, he was privileged to associate with the Mr. Harley and the Mr. Davidson of Harley-Davidson fame. He was united in marriage with Ann McLaughlin Smith in 1948 in Montezuma. He and his brother "Sye" owned and operated Lidtka Bros. Motor Service in Montezuma for many years. Following the death of his brother in 1988, he continued to keep the business going until the fall of 2007.

He was a member of Blakely-Stevens Post #169, American Legion, and the Aircraft Owners and Planes Association (AOPA). He enjoyed his profession and its many customers, flying, breakfast fly-ins and coffee time.

He is survived by a nephew Russell Winburn of Grinnell, a niece Karen Lidtka of Montezuma; three grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and

17 great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ann, one son Donald Smith; one daughter Emily Longman; and his brother Donald "Sye".

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Harley and Mr. Davidson of Harley-Davidson fame. In 1948, he married Ann McLaughlin Smith in Montezuma. Gary and his brother, "Sye," owned and operated Lidtka Brothers Motor Service in Montezuma for many years. After Sye's death in 1988, Gary continued to keep the business going until the fall of 2007. Gary belonged to the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post 169 and Aircraft Owners and Planes Association (AOPA). He enjoyed his profession and many customers, flying, breakfast fly-ins and coffee time.

His memory is honored by a nephew, Russell (Donna) Winburn of Grinnell; a niece, Karen Lidtka of Montezuma; three grandchildren, Debbie (Rocky) McSparen of Bloomfield, Danny Smith of Drakesville and Denise (Mike) Payne of Bloomfield; eight great-grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife, Ann; a son, Donald and his wife, Jerry Smith; a daughter, Emily Longman; a brother, Donavan "Sye"; sister-in-law, Virginia Lidtka; a sister, Mildred Winburn; brother-in-law, Russell V. Winburn; and two nephews, Keith Winburn and John Lidtka.

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