

Ward W. Bair

Ward W. Bair, 86, of New Sharon died Wednesday, July 21, at the New Sharon Care Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon, with the Revs. David Arulnathan and David Pinkerton officiating. Burial was in Barnes City Cemetery.

Memorials in Mr. Bair's name may be made to the New Sharon Fire Department and Rescue Unit.

He was born Sept. 29, 1906, in Keswick, the son of Issac S. and Lillian May Wright Bair. His mother died during the influenza epidemic of 1918, and he was raised by his stepmother, Ethel Fitzwater Bair.

He was married to Pauline Davis Aug. 5, 1939, in Traer. He attended Keswick High School and farmed near the Barnes City and Montezuma areas all of his life. He retired in 1971 and moved to New Sharon in 1972.

He was a former member of the Montezuma Christian Church, the Barnes City Methodist Church, the Eagles Lodge of Oskaloosa, the Odd Fellows Lodge of Montezuma and the Rebekah Lodge of Montezuma.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline; four sons, Robert of Kansas City, Mo., John of Visalia, Calif., James of Grinnell and David of New Sharon; 10 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ellen Bauer of North English and Gladys Spence of Broomfield, Colo.; and two sisters, Loretta Shaul of Keswick and Evelyn Claypool of Mountain Home, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother; four brothers, Bruce, Clifford, Melvin and Fleming; and one stepbrother, Glen Fitzwater.