

Rites for Cecil Bates ¹¹⁻¹⁵⁻⁷⁹

Services for Benjamin Cecil Bates were conducted by the Rev. Martin Gruneich and the Rev. Ron Kitterman Thursday afternoon, Nov. 8, at the Steffy Funeral Home. Music at the rites was provided by soloist Jerry Minner accompanied by organist Mrs. Verla Van Dee.

Casket bearers were Dan Tish, Doug Tish, Jeff Bates, Leo Tarvin, Dennis Tish, Edwin Tarvin, Curtis Bates, Ted Bates, Gary Bates, Glen Bates, James Bates, Duane Bates, Steven Bates, and Leonard Bates. Burial was at Sixteen Cemetery.

Flower attendants were Oliver and Jean Moore.

Mr. Bates died Monday, Nov. 5, at the Senior Home here. He was 96 years old.

The son of Cooper and Elizabeth Blanchard Bates, he was born Nov. 13, 1882, at Coal Creek in Keokuk County. After his mother died when he was nine he lived with relatives. He attended rural school.

On March 21, 1909, he was married to Bessie Lester at her home north of Gibson. They established their home near

Gibson and farmed in the Gibson - Deep River area. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife and their family - Eugene Bates, Agnes Hourihan of Oskaloosa, Ronald and Evelyn Bates of Montezuma, Margaret and Raymond Tarvin of Malcom, Gerald and Norma Jean Bates of Deep River, Tom and Helen Bates of Wellman, Donald and Elaine Bates of Keswick, Ned and Janice Bates of Keswick, John and Joetta Bates of Deep River, Paul and Linda Bates of What Cheer, Merle and Jean Bates of Fort Worth, Tex., Marvin and Verla Tish of Gibson and Charlene Bates of Montezuma; 28 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Myrtle Marvin of Joplin, Mo., and Eva Ryan of Long Beach, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Dorothy and Marlene; a son-in-law, Joe Hourihan; two brothers, Ollie and Fred Bates; and two sisters, Ada Bates and Elizabeth Smith.