Legion Buddies Casket Bearers For Evan Boatman

Buddies of the Montezuma and Barnes City posts of the American Legion were casket bearers for World War I veteran Evan Boswell (Buzz) Boatman Saturday afternoon.

Memorial services were conducted at 1:30 p. m. at the Steffy Funeral Home by Rev. G. R. Dieken, with music by Louis Gorsuch. Interment was in the family lot in Barnes City cemetery. Casket bearers were Ed Gilbreaith, Wayne Fleming, Frank Jan, Eldon Hockey, Harold Sanders and Lloyd Stevens. Charles Hamilton was chaplain and members of the color guard were Marion Speas, Gale Riggs, Norman Mason and Norman Stevens.

The youngest child of William and Emma Jane Boatman, Evan was born Oct. 22, 1898, on a farm near Barnes City. He died at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boatman, Montezuma, June 6 at 63 years of age. That had been his home the past 15 years. He had been ailing for a year but death was entirely unexpected.

Buzz lived in Barnes City

and Montezuma area all his life. He was graduated from Barnes City high school, attended Iowa State Teachers college, Cedar Falls, and Grinnell college. During WW I he was a member of the SATC at Grinnell and taught swimming. For a number of years he taught in the rural schools around Barnes City and helped Jess with the farming.

He is survived by another brother, Julian Boatman, Ames; a sister, Mrs. Marion Giles, Waterloo; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.