

Rites held for Mr. Bonham

William Hoyt Bonham, 83, of Montezuma died Monday, Oct. 8, at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Montezuma United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John W. Darlington officiating. Organist was Alice Underwood. Pallbearers were Bill Boien, Robert Fulton, Gordon Alexander, Roy Fleming, Robert Simpson and Michael Mahaffey. Burial was in the Masonic-I.O.O.F. Cemetery, with the Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of William Ray and Caroline Rossessier Bonham, he was born Oct. 12, 1900, in Johnson County. He received his early education in Johnson County, then moved to Mason City where he worked for an abstract office. He moved to Montezuma in January 1929, and on Feb. 3, 1930, he was married to Alma E. Maiden.

He studied law under Judge Frank Bechly and in October 1937 passed the state bar exam. He then became associated with Bechly and E.W. McNeil and became a partner in the law firm. He practiced law in Montezuma for nearly 50 years. In addition to practicing law, he and his wife, Alma, owned and operated Bechly and Co., an abstract firm in Montezuma.

Mr. Bonham was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church which he served in many capacities. He was a charter member of the Harding Masonic Lodge in Mason City and continued to be active in Masonic circles in Montezuma and other communities. He was also a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Poweshiek County Bar Association, the Iowa State Tile Association, the Iowa State Historical Society and the Poweshiek County Historical Society. He served as chairman for the Iowa Associated Groups of Elderly and had served as Montezuma School Board secretary for 10 years. For over 40 years he had served on the Montezuma Library Board. He also was president of the Montezuma Development Corporation.

Survivors include his wife, Alma; their children, Robert C. Day of California and Kathryn A. Lee of West Des Moines; two grandsons; and two great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jaynard.

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Memorials in Mr. Bonham's name may be made to the United Methodist Church, the Order of Eastern Star or the Masonic Lodge.

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Hoyt Bonham, 33, a Montezuma attorney and abstractor, died Monday, Oct. 3, at University Hospitals in Iowa City.

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