

Death Takes Earl Brown, Businessman

One of Montezuma's oldest and best known business men, Earl Brown, passed away at his home Sunday afternoon on his 77th birthday. Death came suddenly to Earl for he had played the organ at the Presbyterian Church

Sunday morning as he had faithfully done for sixty years.

Earl, a son of William and Wealthy Brown, was born near Deep River on August 9, 1887, and moved with his parents to Montezuma where he attended school. After graduating from high school he taught in a rural school for several years.

In August, 1915, he married Mame Krakeland and they had one son. Since the death of his wife in 1952 he has maintained his home, sharing it with his brother, Bill.

His entire life was spent in Montezuma where he operated a dry cleaning establishment and tailor shop.

He is survived by his son, William Philo; six grandchildren, Bob, Joyce, Michael, David, James and Kevin; a great grandson, Mark; one brother, William; and two sisters, Carrie Wolford and Mattie Smith.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, at the Presbyterian Church with Rev. G. R. Dieken presiding. Miss Velma Dickson will be the organist.

Casketbearers will be Calvin Bradley, John Gorsuch, Harold Bushong, Cliff Smith, Howard Bernard and Harold Lofgreen. The burial will be in Jackson Township Cemetery.

Thursday, August 13, 1964

Earl J. Brown Longtime Monte Businessman, Dies

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Montezuma Presbyterian church for Earl J. Brown, 77, longtime Montezuma businessman.

Brown, a tailor in that community for many years, died suddenly Sunday. He had been a resident of Montezuma for 73 years and had served as organist at the Presbyterian church for 60 years.

He had performed his duties as organist as usual, and died shortly after returning home.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. G. R. Dieken. Interment was in the Jackson township cemetery.

Survivors include a son, William P. Brown of Montezuma; six grandchildren; one great grandson; a sister, Carrie Wolford of Montezuma; a brother, William Brown of Montezuma; and a half-sister, Mattie Smith of Grinnell.