Mrs. Eli Bryan Dies, Funeral Held Monday At Steffy Funeral Home

The funeral of Mrs. Eli Bryan was Monday afternoon, March 15, at the Steffy Funeral Home with services conducted by Rev. Gilford Street, assisted by Rev. Wade Dillavou. Mrs. Dean Doonan sang two selections accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood, organist.

Casketbearers for the interment in Jackson Township Cemetery were Clifford Bryan, Raymond Watson, James Brant, William Watson, Dallas Roemer and Billie Patterson.

Mattie, daughter of Hannah and Ephriam Quaintance, was born in New Sharon, Nov. 28, 1874, and died at her Montezuma home March 11, at 90 years of age.

She attended the local school and was a birth-right member of the Friends Church. On Sept. 3, 1902, she married Eli Bryan. Their entire married life was spent farming in Mahaska and Poweshiek Counties. In 1938 they retired and moved to Montezuma. In 1952 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Clifford.

Mrs. Bryan is survived by three sons, Raford, of Des Moines; Leroy, of Montezuma; Earl, of Grinnell; two daughters, Rilla McCormick, of Montezuma; and Lucille Watson, of Searsboro; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.