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Dick Burkes Rites Held Jan. 26

Funeral services for Dick Burkes were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the Steffy Funeral Home. The Rev. Howard Hayes officiated. Music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lankford.

Casket bearers were Bud Baird, Clyde Gorsuch, William Harry, Marcus Shearer, Harold Bushong and Walter VanWyhe. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery.

Mr. Burkes, 83, died in Montezuma on Monday, Jan. 22.

The son of John and Mary Burkes, he was born near Peoria, in Mahaska County, Iowa, on Dec. 11, 1884.

In his youth he attended rural school and assisted with the farm work.

He was always interested in music and played the piano and guitar. His family had their own orchestra.

He made his home with his grandparents until their deaths. In 1908 he began living with his brother, George, and family. Since 1947 he lived with his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ben McKeag. For the past two years he has been cared for in the Baird Custodial Home.

For several years he was caretaker at the city park and also helped with the janitor work in the courthouse.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Rollo.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Phoebe Walker, of Waterloo; two nieces, Tressie McKeag of Montezuma, and Inez Odegard, of Portland, Ore.