

Arthur A. Diehm

Arthur A. Diehm, 74, of Montezuma died early Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Veterans Administration facility in Knoxville.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call for additional information.

The son of Andrew and Clara Weber Diehm, he was born March 14, 1916, in Grinnell. He had lived in Grinnell, Rockford, Ill., Mena, Ark., and West Plaine, Mo., before moving to Montezuma in 1983.

During World War II, he was a member of the 4th Marine Division, seeing combat at Midway Island, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

Mr. Diehm formerly attended Trinity Lutheran Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Sandra Harper of Hays, Kan.; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Clara Foster of rural Malcom and Estella Vanderveer, both of Grinnell.

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Arthur Andrew Diehm, 74, of Montezuma died Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Knoxville.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Gerald F. Brown officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and vocalists were Ruth Ann Dayton and Wilma Schmitz.

Pallbearers were Jack McGinnis, Jerry McGinnis, Floyd Innis, Duane O'Halloran, George Smith Jr., Gene "Toby" Smith and James Vanderveer. Honorary bearers were James Foster, Richard Van Draska and Robert Vanderleest.

Military honors were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Malcom.

The son of Andrew and Clara Weber Diehm, he was born March 14, 1916, near Malcom. He attended Grinnell schools.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Dec. 2, 1940, serving with the 4th Marine Division until his discharge April 25, 1946. He served as an anti-aircraft gunner, and his unit was sent to Midway Island prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was involved in the battles of Midway Island, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

Mr. Diehm was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He worked for the Maytag Company for seven years, for the DeKalb Seed Corn Company and on several area farms. He had lived in Grinnell; Rockford, Ill.; Mena, Ark.; and West Plaine, Mo., before moving to Montezuma in 1983. He had been a patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital since the fall of 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Harper of Hays, Kan.; two grandchildren; and two sisters, Estella Vanderveer of Grinnell and Clara Foster of rural Malcom.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Bert, Joe, Garland, Leonard and Fred, and a sister, Gussie Septer.

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