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## William Ell, 75 4-28-1999

William "Bill" Ell, 75, of Montezuma died in the early morning, April 22, 1999 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

His funeral was Monday at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Officiating were Ted Knight and Jim Ross.

Musical selections were "Be With One Lord," "This World Is Not My Home" and "I Must Needs Go Home," performed by Tiffini Steele and Tyne Steele.

Casket bearers were Dahl Wickham, Keith Kiefer, Wiley VanOmmen, Randy Wickham, Dan Hull and Raymond Watson.

Interment was in West Liberty Cemetery.

Mr. Ell was born May 19, 1923, one of 10 children, to Mike and Marie Ell of Balfour, N.D. He grew up on a farm in North Dakota and joined the Navy on Jan. 25, 1942.

During World War II, he served aboard ships in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Mr. Ell was honorably discharged on Oct. 28, 1945. In January 1951, he enlisted in the Air Force and served in Korea during 1952 and 1953. He was honorably

discharged Jan. 25, 1955.

He married Wendell Faye Wright on April 4, 1951. They had three children, John Randy, William Michael and Jay Marie. Mrs. Ell passed away on July 11, 1983 in Chanute, Kan.

Mr. Ell moved to Montezuma May 5, 1985 to preach for the West Liberty Church of Christ. On Dec. 10, 1989, he married Pauline Playle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, three brothers, one sister-in-law, one sister, one brother-in-law and one grandson.

He is survived by his wife, his children and their spouses, John R. and Cathy Ell of Corpus Christi, Texas, W. Michael and Adriana Ell of Chunnute, Kan. and Jay Marie and Chester Baugher of Bloomfield, Neb.; eight grandchildren, a step-daughter and her husband, Anita and Butch Gilbert of Anamosa; other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to youth activities of the West Liberty Church of Christ.

Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.