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Feb. 25, 1922 near Keswick, the son of Joseph and Lillian Conn Galbraith.

He was graduated from Gibson High School, where he was involved in sports. On Feb. 25, 1942 he was united in marriage with Merna Sue McCalla at Lancaster, Mo. To this union two daughters and three sons were born.

They farmed near Keswick for seven years before moving to their present farm south of Montezuma in 1949. He had worked for the ASC for over 15 years doing land measurements. He was an earnest believer in soil conservation, waterways and the ecology of the land.

He was a member of the Montezuma Presbyterian Church, having just served on the board as a trustee. He was a member of the American Polled Hereford Association; Southeast Iowa Polled Hereford Association, which he had held several offices including president; Farm Bureau and American Bowling Congress. He was also an honorary member of the Montezuma FFA Chapter. He ran the chain line for the Montezuma High football games for more than 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son Brian Galbraith in 1973; one sister Josephine Galbraith and one brother Floyd Galbraith.

Lester is survived by his wife Merna Sue and their family: Kathie and John Hall, Cory and Jacqueline of Malcom; Mac and Cindy Galbraith, Darin, Kevin and Jennifer of Oskaloosa; Randy and Jamie Sue Galbraith, Alyssa, Matthew and Lee Owen of Jackson, Miss.; Diane and Bill Honecker, Mark, Avin and Aaron of Dodge Center, Minn.; Brian's wife Rebecca and son Michael Galbraith of North Richland Hills, Texas; two sisters: Lucille (Mrs. Walter) Melton of Salina, Kan. and Maxine (Mrs. Emil) Velkavrh of Tinley Park, Ill., and one brother, Joseph Galbraith, Jr., of Keswick.

Rites held for Mr. Galbraith

Lester J. Galbraith, 63, of Montezuma died Monday, Jan. 20 of a heart attack, causing the tractor he was driving to overturn in a ditch, pinning him underneath.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the United Presbyterian Church in Montezuma with the Revs. Martin Gruneich and Glenn Hulsebus officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Ron Fry, Walter Ketels, Larry Sanders and Samuel Mummey. Pallbearers were Henry Krumm, Ronald Minear, Lester Williams, Lyle Roorda, Darrell Brand and James Williamson. Burial was in Sheeley Cemetery with the Watts funeral Home of Montezuma in charge of arrangements.

The son of Joseph and Lillian Conn Galbraith, he was born Feb. 25, 1922 near Keswick. He graduated from Gibson High School.

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LESTER J. GALBRAITH

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Honorary casket bearers were Ron Fry, Larry Sanders, Walter Ketels, Samuel Mummey. Casket bearers were Henry Krumm, Ronald Minear, Lester Williams, Lyle Roorda, Darrell Brand and James Williamson. Interment was in Sheeley Cemetery. Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home.

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