

MONTEZUMA REPUBLICAN

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Gilbert

Death Takes Loved Businessman-Leader

Business was at a standstill in Montezuma Monday between 2 and 3 p.m. while merchants and professional people and their staffs attended memorial services for fellow-merchant Elmo (Buck) Gilbert. Buck endeared himself to his home town through 40 years of friendly business dealings, and in conducting training programs during the trying days of World War II.

Elmo, son of Henry and Arilla Barnes Gilbert, was born in Union Township, Poweshiek county, Oct. 31, 1899, and died at his home in Montezuma, May 3 at 63 years of age.

He attended rural school and Montezuma school. He farmed with his father and in 1919, worked in the Rock Island Arsenal. In 1920, he attended Sweeney's Mechanics school in Kansas City, Mo., after which he established his garage in Montezuma, which he operated for 40 years. He was a member of Iowa Automobile Dealers Association and an authorized J. I. Case and Dodge dealer.

Sept. 14, 1922, he was united in marriage with Alvera Linn; their entire married life has been spent in Montezuma.

During and following World War II, he conducted a mechanic's school at his garage, which was sponsored by the United States Government, many mechanics and local farmers benefited from this schooling.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Richard, who lost his life in military service in March, 1945.

He is survived by his wife of the home, one son, Donald, Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Swangel, Paramount, Calif., and Mrs. Evelyn Spear, Des Moines; one brother, Edgar Gilbert, Montezuma, other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Steffy Funeral Home conducted by the Rev. G. R. Dieken. Miss Alice Underwood played "Beyond the Sunset" and other organ selections.

Interment was in Jackson township cemetery. Casket bearers were Dean Heishman, D. D. Darland, Sylvan VeVerka, Ed Lloyd, Floyd Tarvin and Osman Mason.