

MR

Claire Gregory, 81

C. Claire Gregory, 81, of rural Montezuma died Monday, September 7, 1998 at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Services were Wednesday, September 9 at Watts Funeral Home. The Rev. George M. Salnave of Montezuma's First Presbyterian Church officiated.

Music by soloist Rhonda Minner and organist Kathleen Ramsey was, "In The Garden" and "How Great Thou Art."

Casket bearers were Lynn Carl, Ronald Ogan, Maynard Hutchinson, Dennis Hutchinson, Robert Thomason and Jim Ferguson.

Claire was buried in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

He was born Jan. 7, 1917 in Mt. Ayr to William and Thula (Cummins) Gregory. He graduated from Montezuma High

School in 1934.

On May 15, 1940, Claire was married to Juanita Baker in Lancaster, Mo. The couple had two sons.

Claire was active in 4-H and was a member of United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Oral Gregory.

Surviving him are his wife, Juanita and their family, Richard and Miriam Gregory; Donald and Doris Gregory, all of Montezuma; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one sister, Hazel Johnson of Pella; one brother, Raymond Gregory of Marshalltown; many other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church or to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

Sept. 16, 1998