

# Laverne Bowden Grier, 71

Laverne Bowden Grier, 71, died Friday, August 15, 1997 after a short illness with esophageal cancer.

Funeral services were on Monday, August 18, 1997 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Officiating the service was Dr. George M. Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, and Pastor David Hensley of the Otley Reformed Church in Otley.

Music was "Jesus Loves Me", "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You", and "Precious Lord Take My Hand". Mr. Darrell Brand was the soloist and Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey was the organist.

Casket bearers were Jack Sinkler, Ted Kudart, Charles Morrison, Gary Lidtka, M.O. Hansen, and Ron Hedrick. Honorary casket bearers were Maynard Prashak, Melvin Ferneau, Roger Fischer, Marlan McWilliams, and Leslie Steele. The interment was at Guernsey Cemetery.

Laverne was born in the family home in Guernsey on September 18, 1925, the youngest child of Mark and Sadie Grier. He graduated from Guernsey High School in 1943.

On June 27, 1945, he was united in marriage with Margaret Joyce England at Belle Plaine. To this union three sons were born.

Laverne farmed on the family farm before his employment for 20 years with Pew-Jasper Farm Service. The couple moved to Montezuma in 1963. After retiring in 1979 from Farm Service, Laverne began his own painting business



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and occasionally assisted son Ted with his carpentry business. Laverne was a lifelong member of Farm Bureau and a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church. In 1994, Laverne and Joyce moved to Pella, where they

lived at the time of his death.

Laverne was an avid fisherman and camper. He and Joyce loved to dance and spent many evenings on the dance floor at Walford with close friends. The Griers had wintered for the past 10 years in Mesa, Az.

Laverne was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Louise Phelps and Zelma Provin; and one brother, Paul Grier.

Laverne is survived by his wife Joyce; sons Dr. Timothy Grier and his wife Barbara Brownold of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada; Joel and Jacki Grier of Monroe; and Ted and Lois Grier of Pella; five grandchildren; two brothers, Dale Grier of Newton and Mark Grier of Montezuma; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials can be made to the Hospice of Pella.

MR August 20, 1997