

## Charles Harden Memorial Service Held Monday, Montezuma Native

Memorial services for Charles Harden, 78, were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Steffy Funeral home conducted by the Rev. George Snyder. Louis Gorsuch played the musical numbers. Burial was in Jackson township cemetery.

Casket bearers were Clarence Jordan, Blair Brooks, Hugh McMeekin, Marcus Shearer, Kenneth Haines and Erschel Smothers.

Charles, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Harden, was born near Montezuma, Jan. 9, 1882, and died early July 9 in Montezuma. He attended rural school and later worked for his brother, Joe, in the livery stable where one of his duties was driving a carriage for salesmen.

In March 1903 he was united in marriage with Molly

Curry, What Cheer, and to this union three sons were born. They made their home in Montezuma and were in the restaurant business. Charles was a prominent athlete and was a slugging fielder on the town baseball team. He was a Knights of Pythias. Following the death of his wife in 1951 he made his home at the Hotel Paul.

The three sons, all of whom were here for the funeral, are Martin, Charles City; Edgar, president of Northern Michigan college, Marquette, Mich., and Cletus of Oskaloosa. Two grandchildren, Donald and Pamela Harden, Marquette, and a step-grandson, Bill Vanderlip; two sisters, June Keating and Lucy Doward, other relatives and many friends.