

Edward R. Holland, 76

Edward Russell Holland, 78, of Montezuma, Iowa, died Thursday, June 20, 1996 at his home.

Funeral services were held June 22, 1996 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with Rev. Brian Carter and Mr. Don Ridnour officiating. Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey was organist and Mrs. Rhonda Minner was soloist with music selections of "He Grew The Tree" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Casket bearers were Earl Johnson, Jim Jeffrey, Arlo Van Hoever, Terry Stephen, Keith Cheney and Wayne Gillaspie. Honorary casket bearers were Ray Vannoy, Roy Baird, Lester Williams, Marvin Ramsey, Bill Bushong, Marvin Bunnell, Raymond Johnson and Keith Gregory. Military graveside rites were given by members of the Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169, Montezuma. Burial was in McFarlan Cemetery, What Cheer, Iowa.

Edward was born Feb. 15, 1920 near What Cheer, Iowa, the son of Ed A. and Lizzie (Moffat) Holland. He graduated from Thornburg High School in 1937. He farmed with his father until entering the Army on July 2, 1942. He served overseas during World War II with Co.

A 102nd Signal Corp Radar Repair. He was honorably discharged Oct. 8, 1945. On Oct. 6, 1946, he was united in marriage with Elsie M. Heacock of Oskaloosa, Iowa, at the Newton Congregational Church in Newton, Iowa. They farmed for 16 years. From 1964 to 1968 they operated the Gambles Store in Keswick, Iowa. They moved to Montezuma in 1968 and operated the Gambles Store until 1976. Ed enjoyed traveling and playing golf. He was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church, the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 and the Montezuma Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Connie Jo in 1949; a brother, Robert and a sister Dorothy.

Ed is survived by his wife, Elsie of Montezuma, and their family, Tom and Peggy Holland of Houston, Texas, and Tim and Beth Holland of Montezuma; five grandchildren: Brian and Megan Holland and Corey, Brent and Lindsey Holland; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be given to the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169.

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