

## Stanford H. Johnson, 88

Stanford H. Johnson, 88, of Montezuma, died Wednesday night, June 5, at the Montezuma Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

A funeral service was Saturday, June 8, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. George M. Salnave, First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Casket bearers were Kevin Johnson, David Deweese, Jimmy Fisk, Curtis Johnson, Casey Johnson and Michael Smothers.

Stanford was born Sept. 20, 1913, on a farm near Forest Home in Poweshiek County, the son of Stanford H. and Mary E. (Vantreesse) Johnson. On May 1, 1933, he was united in marriage with Maxine Dunton at the Little Mount Baptist Church parsonage. To this union, two daughters and two sons were born.

Stanford was a farm hand before they moved to Hooker, Mo. in 1940 where he built roads for the Ft. Leonard Wood Army Base. They moved back to Grinnell in 1944, and he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in Germany during World War

II, was wounded and returned to Oklahoma where he was honorably discharged. They returned to farming and bought a farm southwest of Montezuma. After selling the farm, they remained in Montezuma until moving to Fremont in 1957 to farm. In 1970, they moved back to Montezuma and Stanford retired from DeKalb Seed Co. in 1976.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the V.F.W. Post. He loved flowers and grew Iris. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, in 1988; a son, Delon Johnson; four brothers, Earl, Letheal, Lloyd and Leon; and two sisters, Velma Long and Lucille Farmer.

Stanford is survived by his family Wm. Duane (& Jackie) Johnson of Danville, Ind.; Donna (& Jim) Fisk of Montezuma; and Darlene (& David) Deweese of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles Johnson; and other relatives and many friends.

A memorial for the First Presbyterian Church has been established in his name.

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