

## Evelyn Johnston, 85

(Charles)

Evelyn Margaret Johnston, 85, of Montezuma, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, at the Montezuma Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Her funeral was Monday, Jan. 11 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. George M. Salnave officiating.

Musical selections were "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," "Amazing Grace" and "Let There Be Peace On Earth" with organist Kathleen Ramsey.

Dean Johnston, Erik Johnston, Keith Heidemann, Richard Hicks, Brent Matthias and Shane Heidemann were casket bearers.

Honorary casket bearers were Eugene Merck, Richard Ehret, Russell Wiley and Vincent Johnson.

She was buried in Thornburg at Sixteen Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnston was born Feb. 20, 1913 in Keokuk County, the daughter of Glen and Floy (Scovel) Cook. She attended rural schools in the Tilton area, graduating from Thornburg High School. She attended William Penn College, then taught in rural schools. In 1963, she graduated from Drake University in Des Moines.

She married Dale Martin on June 12, 1935. To this union one daughter was born. The family farmed south of Montezuma for 25 years.

Mrs. Johnston taught elementary school in New Sharon and Montezuma for 20 years. Mr. Martin died in June 1961.

On March 14, 1969, she married Charles E. Johnston. They lived in Montezuma.

Mrs. Johnston was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dale.

She is survived by her husband, Charles, a daughter and her husband, Patricia and Donald Watson of Reinbeck; a step-daughter and her husband, Beverly and Richard Hicks of Waverly; two stepsons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley Johnston of Oklahoma City and Dean Johnston and his wife, Ruth of Montezuma, five grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren, a sister, Helen Secor of Cedar Rapids; other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to Montezuma United Methodist Church or the Montezuma Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

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