

Francis Johnston buried here *Montezuma paper June 12-78*

Funeral Services for Francis Johnston, 81, of Brooklyn were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, in the Nevenhoven Funeral Home. Mr. Johnston died at his home early Monday morning, June 12.

Dr. L.P. Fitzpatrick, pastor of the Malcom-Sheridan Parish, officiated and the organist was Mrs. Ed Bartachek. Honorary casket bearers were Alfred Byers, Thomas Byers,

Dale Johnston, Clarence Simpson. Casket bearers were Don Erquist, Sylvan VeVerka, Steven VeVerka, Fay Wasson, George Peters and William Fitzsimmons. Interment was in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Francis Johnston, son of John W. and Eliza Hall Johnston, was born Jan. 16, 1897, in Jackson Township. He attended rural schools and

graduated from Montezuma High School.

He was married to Daisy Dee on Sept. 15, 1920, in Grinnell. They farmed in Scott Township until their retirement, moving to Brooklyn two years ago. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Montezuma.

Mr. Johnston is survived by his wife, Daisy; two daughters, Mrs. Phillip (Ruth) Brooks and Mrs. (Francine) Valere Lavent, both of Brooklyn; a sister, Elizabeth Auten, who lives in California; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.