

Cleon Latcham, 88

Cleon Robert Latcham, 88, of Montezuma, died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1998 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell.

His funeral was Saturday, Oct. 10 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Keith Reed of New Sharon officiated.

Vocalist Sammie Schmidt sang, "Peace in The Valley," "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace."

Casket bearers were Garold Lidtka, Jack Wakeley, Don Brannian, Timothy Latcham, Tom Gay and Sam Schmidt.

Interment was in the Masonic - IOOF Cemetery in Montezuma.

Mr. Latcham was born March 22, 1910 on a farm south of Montezuma in Poweshiek County, the son of Carl and Lillie (Holt) Latcham. He was educated in the rural Browntown School, taking 8th grade twice so as to receive more education.

On October 25, 1930, he married Dorothy E. Wheeler at the Congregational Church in Oskaloosa. To this union two children were born.

As a young man, Mr. Latcham worked construction, helping build bridges and doing pavement on Highway 63 between Montezuma and New Sharon.

Always farmers, he and his wife lived

in Mahaska and Poweshiek Counties all of their married lives and since 1960, have lived on a farm south of Montezuma.

Mrs. Latcham died May 25, 1960.

Mr. Latcham also sold vacuum cleaners and Fuller Brush supplies for several years.

He attended the Assembly of God Church in Oskaloosa and most recently, the Faith Christian Center in Montezuma.

Mr. Latcham was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Carolyn Latcham in 1987; one grandchild and one sister, Adra Allen.

He is survived by one son and his wife, Donavon and Lois Latcham of Montezuma; six grandchildren, Michael Latcham of Rock Island, Ill.; Steven Latcham of Omaha, Neb.; Timothy Latcham of Tracy; Melynda Smith of Omaha; David Scott Latcham of University Park and Melissa DeWitt and husband Bret of Newton; four step-grandchildren, Sandra Parlier of Elk Park, N.C.; Sharon Wood of Newland, N.C.; Susan Tatum of Spruce Pine, N.C. and Jim Tatum of Marlon, N.C.; 10 great-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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