

Mae Lemke, 67 (Walter.)

Mae "Pat" Lemke, 67, of rural Montezuma, Ia., died Wednesday, February 15, 1995, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 1995 at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma. Mr. Bill Ell, West Liberty Church of Christ, officiated. Alice Underwood was organist with music selections of "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Casket bearers were Matt Playle, Chris Playle, Jason Playle, Joe Grife, Jack Grife, and Louis Gilbert. Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart, Ia.

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northeast of Montezuma in 1989. She had attended the West Liberty Church of Christ, where she had taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; a daughter, Lisa Playle on June 1, 1980; a great-granddaughter, Kelsey Phipps; two sisters, Laura Miller and Margaret Grife, and two brothers, Dale in infancy, and John Kirkpatrick.

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Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society of America.

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