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## Melvin Miller, 89 / 2-30-1999

Melvin Campbell Miller, 89, a longtime Montezuma resident and civic leader, died Sunday, Dec. 20, 1998 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral was Dec. 23, 1998 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with Brother Richard Reed of Cedar Rapids officiating.

Casket bearers were Mike Miller, Glenn Speas, Dean Peace, Dale Neal, Tim Neal, Michael Spain and Jerry Lundy.

Interment followed at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Mr. Miller, who lived in Grinnell a short time before his death, was born in Union Township near Montezuma July 14, 1909. His parents were Joseph Henry and Catherine Elizabeth (Steele) Miller.

He graduated from Searsboro High School in May 1929.

On Aug. 3, 1931, he married Lauramay Foster, to whom he was devoted for 67 years. The couple raised four children.

Mr. Miller was a Standard Oil agent.

Active on the local and state political scenes, he was mayor of Montezuma for 12 years and a Poweshiek County Super-

visor for eight years. He served on the Poweshiek County Mental Health Board and several other city, county and state committees.

During his civic tenure, he played a part in the construction of Diamond Lake, the city's drinking water reservoir, near Montezuma.

He was a Cub Scout leader and lifelong member of the Church of Christ, where he occasionally preached, led singing and performed other tasks. He enjoyed traveling, hunting, nature-hiking, singing and reading.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a grandson.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife Lauramay of the home, one brother, Leo S. Miller of Indianapolis, Ind.; four children and their spouses, Terry and Anne Miller of Keysville, Va.; Joe and Linda Miller of Cedar Rapids, Kathy and Dale Neal of Henderson, Tenn. and JoAnn and Glenn Speas of Cottonwood, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren, many friends and other relatives.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center or the American Cancer Society.

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Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

The son of Joseph Henry and Catherine Elizabeth Steele Miller, he was born July 14, 1909, in Union Township. He was a 1929 graduate of Searsboro High School.

He was married to Lauramay Foster Aug. 3, 1931.

Mr. Miller was a Standard Oil agent. He served for 12 years as mayor of Montezuma and for eight years as a county supervisor. He was active on the Poweshiek Mental Health Board and other city, county and state committees. Mr. Miller was instrumental in the construction of Diamond Lake near Montezuma.

He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife; one brother, Leo of Indianapolis, Ind.; four children, Terry of Keysville, Va., Joe of Cedar Rapids, Kathy Neal of Henderson, Tenn., and JoAnn Speas of Cottonwood, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson.

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