

## Former Treasurer Melvin Mills dies



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Melvin Mills, who for 17 years served as Poweshiek County Treasurer, died Friday, March 17, in Arizona.

The body has been cremated. Burial of the ashes will be in the National Cemetery at the Rock Island Arsenal. As of Friday, no date for a local memorial service had been set. Mr. Mills's wife, Virginia, was said to be en route to the couple's Montezuma home.

Janice Schultz, the current county treasurer who was named to the post when Mr. Mills retired Dec. 31, 1992, said the cause of death was not known. Melvin and Virginia Mills had been spending their winters in Arizona, returning to Montezuma each spring.

Mr. Mills took office as county treasurer following his election in November 1976. He was active in Democratic politics throughout his career. He resigned in late 1992 because of his wife's health problems.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Tom, of Texas, along with three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital and sent in care of Virginia Mills, 607 S. Fourth St., Montezuma 86301.



**MELVIN M. MILLS**

Melvin M. Mills, 71, died March 17, in Phoenix, Ariz., after a brief illness. Memorial services will be 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 23 at Montezuma United Methodist Church. Burial is at National Cemetery, Rock Island, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; a son, Thomas Lee and wife Mary of Burk Burnett, Texas; three grandchildren, John C. of Columbia, Mo., Christin Ann and Sarah Marie, both of Burk Burnett; and two brothers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Mills was a retired Navy CPO with 24 years of active duty in World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam before his retirement in October 1963. Upon retirement, he became a building contractor in Montezuma.

He was elected Poweshiek County treasurer in 1976 and served for the next 16 years, being re-elected for three terms. During his term as treasurer he was elected president of the State Treasurer's Association, from 1986 to 1988.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 40 years, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Kaaba Shrine Temple, Davenport. He was past patron and a 31-year member of Order of Eastern Star and a member of Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post, Montezuma.

## Melvin M. Mills, 71

Melvin M. Mills, 71, long time resident of Montezuma, passed away March 17, 1993, in Phoenix, Ariz., following a brief illness.

Cremation has been accorded and burial was in Rock Island National Cemetery in Illinois. A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 23, 1993, at 11:30 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Montezuma.

Mel, as his friends called him, was a retired Navy CPO of 24 years active duty. He participated in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam prior to his retirement. Upon retirement he settled in Montezuma where he became a successful contractor and politician.

He was elected Poweshiek County Treasurer in 1976. He diligently served the people of Poweshiek County for the next 16 years, being re-elected for three terms. During his term as Treasurer, he

was elected President of the State Treasurers Association from 1986-1988.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 40 years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Kaaba Shrine Temple in Davenport. He was a 31 year member of O.E.S. and a Past Patron. He was also a member of the Montezuma Legion.

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

Melvin is survived by his wife, Virginia; one son, Thomas Lee and his wife, Mary of Burk Burnett, Texas; and three grandchildren: John C. of Columbia, Mo., Christin Ann and Sarah Marie of Burk Burnett; six sisters and brothers.

Memorials may be made to Convalescent Endowment Fund, Shriners Crippled Childrens Hospital in care of Virginia Mills, Montezuma.

## Melvin Mills

A memorial service for Melvin M. Mills, former Poweshiek County treasurer, will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 23, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma.

Mr. Mills died Friday, March 17, in Arizona. The body has been cremated and the ashes buried in the National Cemetery at the Rock Island Arsenal.