Norman H. A-R McFarlin

Norman H. McFarlin, 72, a former Poweshiek County attorney and president of Montezuma Mutual Telephone Co., died of a heart attack Thursday, Nov. 29, at his home in Pompano Beach, Fla.

A memorial service was conducted Wednesday at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Following cremation, his ashes were spread over the former McFarlin family home near Montezuma. Funeral services also were conducted earlier in Florida.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

The son of Clyde and Mary McFarlin, he was born Jan. 2, 1918, in Montezuma. He was a graduate of Montezuma High School and Grinnell College. Following U.S. Army Air Corps service from 1941 to 1945, he attended the University of Iowa College of Law, receiving his degree in 1947. He practiced with the McFarlin & McFarlin firm in Montezuma, and he served two terms as county attorney. He moved to Washington, D.C., in 1956 where he was a director of the Rural Electrification Administration. He has been a Florida resident for the past 24 years.

In addition to holding memberships in numerous professional organizations, he was a former member and director of the Iowa Telephone Association. He was also a member of Independent Telephone Companies, the U.S. Telephone Association and the Grinnell College Alumni Association. He was a past member of the American Bar Association.

Surviving are his wife, Madeline: two daughters, Marilyn Taylor of New York City and Melinda Lukasz of Washington, D.C.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Bierman of Grinnell.