

James McIlrath Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for James (Jim) McIlrath were conducted Saturday afternoon, May 7, by the Rev. G. R. Dicken at the Presbyterian Church in Montezuma. Music was provided by Darrell Brand, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Ramsey at the organ.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery with Don Hopkins, Daryl Minner, Hilbert Beebe, Edward Henry, Dean Lankford and Orval Motsinger serving as casket bearers.

Formal military rites at the cemetery were conducted by members of the Blakley-Stevens Post of the American

Legion.

Mr. McIlrath, 44, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack in Grinnell Wednesday afternoon, May 4.

James Hugh McIlrath was born near Montezuma on Feb. 4, 1922, the son of Hugh and Neva McIlrath. His father died in 1960. He attended the Montezuma schools and graduated with the class of 1940. In February, 1943, he enlisted in the Army and served with the Quartermaster Corps in Europe. He was discharged from the service in December, 1945.

On Sept. 5, 1948, he married Harriet Pahre in the Lutheran Church in Newton. Three children were born to this union.

Mr. McIlrath was the produce manager for the United Food Market in Montezuma for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Blakley-Stevens Post of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet; two daughters, Cindy and Susan; a son, Kent James; and his mother, Mrs. Hugh McIlrath, all of Montezuma.