

P. Russell McVay

Patterson Russell McVay, the son of John W. and Augusta M. Orr McVay, was born Feb. 1, 1909 at New Sharon. He was graduated from New Sharon High School in 1927. On Oct. 15, 1939, Russell was united in marriage to Beulah Scharff at Cedar. Together they lived around New Sharon until 1948, when they moved to a farm at Montezuma.

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He continued farming near Montezuma until retiring and moving into Montezuma in 1975. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Montezuma.

On June 18 Russell died at the Grinnell Hospital at the age of 86 years, 4 months, and 19 days.

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He is survived by his wife Beulah of Montezuma; two sons and a daughter-in-law: Gary McVay of Cambridge, and Rich and Margery McVay of Montezuma; a grandson: Aaron Russell McVay; four sisters and two brothers-in-law: Katherine Lowry, May McVay, and Aline and Dr. B. J. Sinkler all of New Sharon; and Ruth and Will Wing of Milwaukee, Wis.; and two brothers and a sister-in-law: Jack McVay of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Sam and Marty McVay of Oskaloosa, and a host of friends.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Roy and an infant brother; and a sister: Geraldine Spencer.

Funeral services for P. Russell McVay were held in the Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, June 21st with the Rev. Brian Carter officiating. Organist was Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey and soloist was Mrs. Rhonda Minner. Her selection were "How Great Thou Art" and "Abide With Me". Honorary bearers were Bill Rempp, Walter Ketels, Phil Evans and Don Erquist. Casket bearers were Jack Sinkler, Larry Huff, Jim Fisk, Dave Fisch, Donald Henry, and Ron Hedrick. Interment was in the Highland Cemetery, New Sharon.