

# John E. Rabenold, 82

*MR March 20, 2002*

John Ervin Rabenold, 82, of Montezuma, died Friday, March 15, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

A memorial service was 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 18, at United Methodist Church, Montezuma, with the Rev. Burr Bryant officiating. Graveside military rites were by members of Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169, in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Memorials are to the church and the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department & Ambulance. Watts Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mr. Rabenold was born Feb. 2, 1920, in Letts, Iowa, the son of Harry E. and Marie (Adams) Rabenold. He graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1938.

He served three years as a tail gunner in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and he was

a prisoner of war for 11 months during World War II.

On Aug. 3, 1941, he married Doris Peppers in Ottumwa. They moved in 1945 to Montezuma, where their family operated the Western Auto Store.

He belonged to United Methodist Church and the American Legion. He enjoyed golf, fishing and sports.

Surviving are his wife of Montezuma; two sons, Stephen (& Kathy) Rabenold of Minneapolis, Minn., and Alan (& Denise) Rabenold of Montezuma; three daughters, JoEllen Rabenold of Long Beach, Calif., Donna (& Gary) Fraker of Montezuma, and Mary Sue (& Terry) Lloyd of New Sharon; a brother, Richard (& Ruth) Rabenold of Montezuma; and 13 grandchildren.

A sister, Mary, preceded him in death.