

Aug 18, 1966 THE MONTEZUMA REPUBLIC
Melvin Sams Funeral Held Wednesday

The funeral of Melvin B. Sams, Oskaloosa, was held Wednesday afternoon, August 10, at the Christian Church in Montezuma with the Rev. Max Johnson, of the Oskaloosa Assembly of God Church, officiating. Delbert Bittner was the soloist accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood, organist.

Casket bearers were Blair Brooks, Edward Cass, Gary Brouwer, Glenn Talbert, Marcus Shearer and Arlo Van Hoefer. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery with a military committal service by the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post.

Mr. Sams, 41, died Sunday, August 7, at the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa.

Born in Montezuma Dec. 14, 1924, he was the son of Madison and Phebe (Minner) Sams.

He was raised in Montezuma and received his education in the local schools. He served in the Army during World War II and received

a medical discharge due to a physical disability.

On Dec. 14, 1946, he married Dorthea Reed and to this union a daughter, Linda Kay, was born.

Mr. Sams was a truck driver and mechanic and he was currently employed by Elder's Tree Service in Oskaloosa.

On Sept. 22, 1957, he married Betty Houk Stout and to this union two children were born.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; three children, Linda Kay of Chino, Calif., Sandra Kay and Randy Marvin of the home; two step-children, Edward Eugene and Ronda Kay; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Sams of Montezuma; three brothers, Junior of New Sharon, Adrian of Montezuma, Virgil of Washington; one sister, Mrs. Jarrett (Zella) Beal of Oskaloosa; one half-brother, Omer Fry of Wellman.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a half-sister.