

Hazel B. Saunders, 97

(MELVIN)

Hazel B. Saunders, 97, of Montezuma died Sunday afternoon, February 28, 1999 at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were Wednesday March 3 at Watts Funeral Home. The Rev. H. Burr Bryant of the United Methodist Church officiated. Robert Speed of Des Moines was organist.

Casket bearers were Kenneth Maschmann, Don Henry, Dale Watts, Gordon Alexander, Don Hall and Frank Wheeler.

Honorary casket bearers were Richard Arendt, James Arendt, Bill Bolen, Ted Kudart, Dr. J.B. Paulson and Dr. Samuel Mummey.

She was buried in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Mrs. Saunders was born August 6, 1901 on a farm south of Montezuma, the daughter of Mahaska Miller and Cora Del Campbell Miller. At the age of two, she moved with her family into town and remained a resident of the community all of her life.

She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1918.

On January 9, 1921 she married Melvin L. Saunders. They had one son, Russell.

After graduating from high school, she went to work for Dr. Barg and continued working in the business world all of her life.

She retired from Peoples Savings Bank in Montezuma.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church since the age of 11 and was a diligent worker in the church for more than 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five sisters, Elizabeth Byers, Mamie Maher, Gotha Vest, Ida Eichhorn and Esther Miller; a brother, Harold Miller; her husband, Melvin on May 27, 1934 and her son, Russell on Dec. 6, 1992.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

A memorial has been established at the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance.

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