

## Austin Sharer, Services Held

Funeral services for Austin Sharer, 75, who died Tuesday, June 12, at his home in Montezuma, were held June 14 at the Steffy Funeral Home.

The son of Charles and Celeste Kline Sharer, he was born Jan. 17, 1898, west of Montezuma. He attended school in Montezuma, and was graduated from Montezuma High School with the class of 1916. He then began a 35-year career in the retail grocery business, which eventually led to ownership of the Powell Grocery Store.

In the mid-1950s, ill health forced him to leave the grocery business, and he became an automobile salesman, living for a short time in Grinnell and returning to Montezuma six years ago.

On June 19, 1922, he was married to Dorothy Woods of Des Moines. The couple had two children. 6-12-1973

Mr. Sharer was a member of the Montezuma Methodist Church, the Knights of Pythias, and the Montezuma Golf and Country Club.

Survivors include his wife; his son, Keith; his daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Ince; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a sister, Mable Cummings; and a brother, Alva Sharer. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Gertrude Cole; and three brothers, Fred, Bert, and Ben Sharer.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery.