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Mrs. A. B. Siverling

## Susie Siverling Funeral Thursday

12-15-1960  
Susie A. Siverling, who would have been 96 next March 8, died Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Groenenboom Nursing Home. Funeral services were to be at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the Steffy Funeral Home conducted by the Rev. George Snyder. Burial in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Siverling and her husband, A. B. Siverling who died in 1923, came to Montezuma in 1900 from Gibson City, Ill. They established their business of embalming and funeral directing in connection with a furniture store in June of that year. A son, Earl, became a dentist at Chicago.

She studied embalming from her husband's books and under his supervision so that in 1902 she passed the state license examination

and was granted license No. 456. When Mr. Siverling died she took over the business until it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Steffy in 1929.

Mrs. Steffy was an apprentice emblamer under Mrs. Siverling after Mr. Steffy died in 1937, and Mrs. Siverling operated the business while Mrs. Steffy attended embalming college in St. Louis.

Embalming control of communicable diseases was a field when Susie came to Montezuma. She recounted many experiences of the time and said that funerals were either in the home of the deceased or at a church.

The place of death was always marked with a crepe emblem or a spray of flowers on the door. It was removed when the undertaker returned from the cemetery. For the most part burials were soon after death.

Mrs. Siverling was active in the affairs of Montezuma and gave of her time in its activities. She was a member of the Methodist church, was a member of the Rebekahs for more than 60 years, a past matron and member of the Order of Eastern Star for more than 50 years, a member of DA of P. E. O. Sisterhood 50 years last March, and a member of the Iowa Funeral Directors association for 58 years.

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ducted by Rev. George Snyder with burial in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery.

Mrs. Siverling and her husband A. B. Siverling came to Montezuma in 1900 from Gibson City, Illinois. They operated a furniture store and funeral directing in the same year. They had two children, Earl, a dentist in Chicago, and Olive at home. In the year of 1902 she passed the state license examination in embalming. After the death of her husband in 1923 she took over the business and in 1929 sold out to Mr. and Mrs. Steffy.

Mrs. Siverling was active in affairs in Montezuma and gave much of her time for this. She was a member of the Methodist church, a member of the Rebekah lodge for over 60 years and a past matron of the Eastern Star and of the P.E.O. She was preceded in death by her husband and son. She leaves to mourn her loss, a daughter Olive of the home, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Mrs. Siverling, although not active in public affairs at the time of her death will be greatly missed in the community.

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