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Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Reese Chapel in Newton, with burial in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

He was the son of Erschel and Krilla Dryden Smothers and was born Nov. 21, 1916, near Montezuma. He was married to Bertha Sammon Jan. 21, 1938, in Oskaloosa.

Mr. Smothers formerly farmed in Poweshick and Jasper counties. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, the Newton United Presbyterian Church and the Moose Lodge.

Surviving are seven sons, Jim of Montezuma, Garold "Bud" and Jack, both of Grinnell, Raymond of Colfax, William "Bill" of Marshalltown, and Fred and Ed, both of Newton; a twin sister, Louise Tindle of Montezuma; 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one sister, Wilma; and a grandson.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the American Lung Association.

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Louis was born in Poweshick County near Montezuma on November 21, 1916 to Erschel and Krilla Dryden Smothers. He married Bertha Sammon in Oskaloosa on January 21, 1938. He farmed in Jasper and Poweshick Counties and retired in 1978. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, Moose Lodge, and the United Presbyterian Church in Newton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Bertha "Esther" in January, 1992; one sister, Wilma, and a grandson, Todd Hess in February, 1990.

Louis is survived by seven sons: Jim Smothers, Montezuma; Garold "Bud" Smothers, Grinnell; Raymond Smothers, Colfax; William "Bill" Smothers, Marshalltown; Fred Smothers, Newton; Jack Smothers, Grinnell; and Ed Smothers, Newton; a twin sister, Louise Tindle of Montezuma; 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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