

Ralph Stanford

Ralph Junior Stanford, 73, of Montezuma, Iowa died Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 11, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Rev. Dennis Dorsheimer of the Jackson church of Christ officiated. Gary Brouwer, Donald Hines, Philip Grier, Russ Talbert, Jr., Uwe Meyer and Don Berry were casket bearers. Members of Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 of Montezuma conducted military graveside rites. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

He was born April 3, 1927 at Chicago, Illinois, the son of Ralph and Mildred (Thomas) Stanford. He attended Montezuma High School before entering the Navy on Nov. 1, 1944. He served on an aircraft carrier until he was honorably discharged on June 13, 1946. He was united in marriage to Nadine Clancy at the Presbyterian parsonage in Grinnell, Iowa on Jan. 12, 1948 and to this union two sons and two daughters were born.

Ralph attended a brick laying school in Indiana, before he entered the back-

hoe and crawler business. Ralph also farmed. On May 16, 1995, Ralph entered the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nadine, on Nov. 6, 1980; and three brothers-in-law, Gilbert Phipps, Bill Walston and Wesley Clancy.

He is survived by his four children and their spouses: Tom and Jo Stanford of Grinnell; Pam and Mike Clements of Carrollton, Texas; Cathy and Keith Kiefer of Montezuma; and Chris and Nita Stanford of Williamsburg; *ten grandchildren:* Carla Doane, Jody Frost, Scott Clements, Ashley Kiefer, Erin Kiefer, Brian Kiefer, Nicole Kiefer, Matt Moessmer, Ryan Stanford and Shannon Freeborn; three great grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Shirlene and Wilbur Davis of Newton, IA; three sisters-in-law: Maxine Phipps, Pleasant Hill, Jimolene Walston, Barnes City, and Jeannine Clancy of Newton, and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the Iowa Veterans Home.

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November 15, 2000