

## Roger H. Sampson, 80

Roger Henry Sampson, 80, of Barnes City, died suddenly on Monday, June 7, 2004, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral service was Friday, June 11, at the United Methodist Church, Montezuma, with the Rev. H. Burr Bryant officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Brett Strong, Jay Robertson, Mike McKeag, Justin Young, Preston Young and Austin Young.

Roger was born on July 2, 1923, in Keokuk County near Gibson, the son of Morris Clayton and Maude "Pansy" Eliza (VanPatten) Sampson. He graduated from Barnes City High School in 1940. On Dec. 11, 1941, he was united in marriage with Ruth Lowe at Lancaster, Mo. To this union, two daughters were born, Susan and Beverly. He was a lifelong Barnes City resident and farmed until retiring in 1985. He also worked for the Montezuma Sale Barn for nearly 25 years. He like to fish, shop and collect hats. Roger loved his family and especially enjoyed attending his grand-

children's activities. He was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church and the Montezuma Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and their family, a daughter, Bev (and Lamont) Strong, of Montezuma; three grandchildren, Angela McKeag of Montezuma; Brett (and Megan) Strong of Montezuma, and Susan (and Jay) Robertson of North Liberty; four great-grandchildren, Broderick Lamont and Madelyn Jean McKeag, Kodie Lee Strong and Kinsley Jean Robertson; three brothers, Esco (and Jean) of Canyon City, Colo., Max (and Dorothy) of North English, and Royce (and Donna) of Clinton; a sister, Imogene McMahon of Marion; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Young of Montezuma; a nephew, Don (and Cherie) Young of Barnes City, and their sons Justin, Preston and Austin, and other relatives and many friends.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter, Susan Ruth, in 1949.

Memorials in his name may be directed to the United Methodist Church of Montezuma.

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