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## H. Darrell Shanklin, 87



H. Darrell Shanklin, 87, passed away at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Montezuma, on Monday, Dec. 22, 2003.

His funeral service was Friday, Dec. 26, at Watts Funeral Home with the Revs. H. Burr Bryant and Jimmy Shelbourn officiating. Interment was at Oakhill Cemetery, Tama. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Bill Shanklin, Brad Shanklin, Mark Watts, Brian Watts, Larry Elbert and Sean Mulvaney.

Darrell, son of Hubert Struble Shanklin and Nita Bennett Shanklin, was born Jan. 2, 1916, in Tama. Darrell married Esther Faye Lentz at Cedar Rapids on July 17, 1937 and spent the next 67 years as a devoted husband, father,

grandfather and great-grandfather.

Darrell had developed an interest in electronics and radio as a child and spent most of his adult life working in those fields, primarily through employment at Collins Radio, KCRG and WMT in Cedar Rapids, retiring in 1978. For several years prior to his retirement, he lived at Independence, where he was a co-owner of the Independence radio station KOUR.

Survivors include his wife, Esther, and children, Patricia and Dale Watts of Montezuma; Darlene and Von Elbert of Cedar Rapids; Carol and Jimmy Shelbourn of Beatrice, Neb.; Bill Shanklin and special friend Sue Daughtery of Cedar Rapids; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three half-sisters, Sue Bell of Dallas, Texas; Jean White of Fort Collins, Colo., and Mary Lou Neeb of Abilene, Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a half-brother.