

Rites held for Mr. Townsend

H-R January 10, 1983
Joseph R. Townsend, 76, of Newton, formerly of Kellogg, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Wallace Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Morris Hay of the Hickory Grove Church officiating. Military services were conducted by the Newton V.F.W. Post No. 1655, with burial at Newton Union Cemetery.

The son of Joseph and Ida Belle Reynolds Townsend, he was born July 2, 1906, near Newton. He was married to Arlene Henderson Redding on Sept. 19, 1942, in Unionville,

Mo.

A retired Maytag Co. employee, Mr. Townsend was a life member of the V.F.W. and a member of the Jasper County Senior Citizens. He served in the European Theater during World War II.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Vivian Heck of Newton; a stepdaughter, Mary Szczutkowski of Hanahan, S.C.; a stepson, Donald W. Redding of Charleston Heights, S.C.; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Laurine Richardson of Kellogg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, two brothers and two sisters.