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F. Lyle Vest, 91

Fred Lyle Vest, 91, of Montezuma, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Montezuma.

His funeral was Saturday, Feb. 16, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. George Salnave officiating. Casket bearers were Donald Hopkins, Keith Hart, Chuck Boeding, Eldon Snook, Jerome Sheets and Ronald Reams. Interment was at Masonic-IOOF Cemetery, Montezuma.

He was born Dec. 10, 1910, in Malcom, the son of Frank and Leanne (Royce) Vest. He graduated from Malcom High School. On Nov. 23, 1929, he married Margaret Bissett in Montezuma. They lived on farms near Malcom

and Montezuma before moving into Montezuma in 1943. After farming and driving a truck, Lyle drove a school bus and was bus superintendent for the Montezuma Community School system for more than 27 years. He belonged to First Presbyterian Church, the Masons and the Lafayette Lodge No. 52 AF & AM. For more than 50 years, he belonged to the Knights of Pythias, Aztec Lodge in Montezuma.

Survivors include a daughter Ellen J. (& Ray) Fassold of Melville, Mo.; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Vest, in 1980; his wife, Margaret Vest in 1981; and an infant brother.