

# Melvin O. Walker

Melvin O. Walker, 75, of Montezuma, Iowa died Thursday, November 9, 2000 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Graveside services were Monday, November 13, at the Barnes City Cemetery in Barnes City with David Pinkerton of New Sharon officiating.

Andrew Walker, Michael Walker, Cody Hicks, Bradley Walker, Scott Gray, and Larry Leopard were casket bearers.

Members of Fuller-Sarvis Legion Post No. 507 of Barnes City, Iowa held military graveside rites.

Interment was in Barnes City Cemetery in Barnes City.

He was born January 6, 1925 at Barnes City, the son of Hiram and Fern (Lockard) Walker. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant on November 5, 1947. On February 28, 1948 he was united in marriage with Gwenda L. Jones at Oskaloosa. To this union five children were born, Louise, Melvin, Marvin,

Margaret and Meryll. They lived most of their married life in the Montezuma area. "Bud" retired as foreman for Donaldson Company in Grinnell in 1978 after 25 years of service with the company.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Oma Leopard.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Gwenda, of Montezuma and their children, Louise Gray of Knoxville, Dr. Melvin Walker of Springfield, MO, Dr. Marvin Walker of Fort Wayne, IN., Margaret Hutchinson of Montezuma, and Meryll Hicks of Montezuma; also 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; four sisters: Grace Mason of New Sharon, Nora Reece of Cedar Rapids, Esther Richards of Grinnell, and Verna Bolibaugh of Beacon; two brothers: Venzel Lockard of Talent, OR and Dean Walker of Hiawatha; and other relatives and many friends.

Memorials made be made to Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.

*M R November 15, 2000*