

## Alvah Watson

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Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Searsboro Friends Church, with the Rev. Cliff Bevins, pastor of the Harmony Hills Baptist Church in Bettendorf, officiating. Organist was Bernice Smith, and vocalist was Alfred Steen. Pallbearers were Kathleen Blackwood, Rebecca Blackwood, Randolph Seida, Rebecca Tromp, Stephanie Tromp, Fred Watson, Oran Watson and Raymond Watson.

Burial was in West Liberty Cemetery near Searsboro, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Fred and Martha Pratt Watson and was born Feb. 18, 1903, in Searsboro. He was raised on the family farm and attended Searsboro School. Following his education, he farmed and drove a school bus.

On May 21, 1939, he was married to Mabel L. McGrew at Udell, Iowa. The couple lived on a farm northeast of Searsboro and raised grain and livestock.

Mr. Watson is survived by two daughters, Mary Bruner and Leora Blackwood, both of Bettendorf; four granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; two brothers, Lewis and Robey Watson, both of Montezuma; and one sister, Alice Johnson of Montezuma.

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Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Searsboro Fire Department.

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