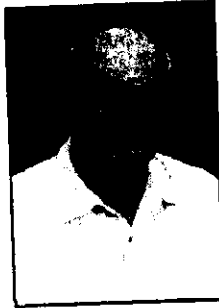


Robert G. Carlson, 63



Robert George Carlson, 63, of Lake Ponderosa, Montezuma, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

His funeral service was Saturday, Oct. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma with Pastor George M. Salnave officiating with interment at Lincoln Cemetery in Jefferson Township, Iowa. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Eugene Ingersoll, Roger Burt, Larry Kahler, Ben Miller, Chuck Heller and Phil Schilling.

Honorary casket bearers were Tom Long, Dean Hartman, Dave Miller, Roger Flom, Jim McKegney, Milton Windau and Jerry Law.

He was born Dec. 18, 1939, near St. Ansgar, the son of Robert H. and Sarah "Sally" E. (Winters) Carlson. He graduated from Grafton High School in Grafton and then attended Westmar Col-

lege. On May 10, 1963, he was united in marriage with Barbara Burt at Polk City. To this union two children were born, Craig and Amy. They lived in Polk City for two years and Wisconsin for 13 years before moving to Cedar Rapids, where they lived until retiring to Montezuma in October 2002. Bob was in financial banking and worked for United Life Company in Cedar Rapids. He was a member of the Cedar Hills Evangelical Free Church in Cedar Rapids and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed fishing and church activities and was an avid toy tractor collector.

Bob is survived by his wife, Barb, of Montezuma; his children, Craig and Melanie Carlson and Amy Carlson and her fiancée, Jeff Kritenbrink, all of West Des Moines; two grandsons, Cody and Zach Carlson; two brothers, Jim Carlson of Austin, Minn. and Larry and Dena Carlson of Texas and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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