John Montgomery, 74

John Montgomery, 74, of Malcom and formerly of Montezuma, died on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell of cancer.

A memorial mass was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating. Music was provided by St. Mary's choir, and Marilyn Kriegl was organist. A private family internment was held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 19, at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to St. Mary's Parish Foundation and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

December 22, 1928, in Brooklyn to George F. and Wanda A. (Eaton) Montgomery. He was raised on the family farm near Brooklyn and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the Class of 1946. He also attended an ROTC program at the University of Iowa.

On October 23, 1948, he was married to Patricia Anne Doud in Victor. The couple lived in the Grinnell area, where he was the plant manager for the former Miracle Recreation Company. Later he worked in the shipping department of the Miraco Company until his retirement in 1994. The family resided at Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma from 1972 until 2002 when they moved to Malcom. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Montgomery of Malcom; two sons, Jack Montgomery of Grinnell and Kyle Montgomery of Prairie Grove, Ark.; two daughters, Marsha Maschmann of Malcom and Jo Gibbons of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Emma Lou Waller of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Stephen Allen Montgomery.