Kenneth Raynor

Kenneth Charles Raynor, 61, of Montezuma, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Lector was Sister Ladonna Woerdenman, eucharistic ministers were Don Outlaw and Jim White and servers were Craig Hall, Gerry Schmidt and Bill Hanson. Casket bearers were Don Henry, Kevin Carl, Keith Rindels, Dave Arendt, J.R. Shearer and Rick Warden. Honorary bearers were all members of the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

He was born March 2, 1942, in Rockville Center, N.Y., the son of Charles Alfred and Anna Louise Kromer Raynor. He graduated from Valley Stream Central High School in 1960 and attended Stonybrook State College. On Oct. 19, 1968, he was united in marriage with J. Patricia Outlaw in Floral Park, N.Y. They made their home on Long Island, N.Y., then in suburban Maryland outside Washington, D.C., before moving to Montezuma in April, 1977, where he became associated with Brownells, Inc.

He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell, a third and fourth degree Knight of Columbus, a technical advisor and distinguished member of the Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners, NRA and Poweshiek County Sportsman’s Association. He also was a 25-year member of the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department, helped develop and was a member of the Poweshiek County EMS Association, twice was elected EMS Person of the Year for Poweshiek County and also was elected Firefighter of the Year.

He is survived by his wife Pat, of Montezuma; three children and eight grandchildren, Chris and Sharon Raynor, James, Richard and Katherine of RAF Lakenheath, England; JoAnn and Brad Grace, Meaghan, Holly and Emily of St. Augustine, Fla.; and Theresa and Tim Hooper, Camron and Joshua of Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, N.M.; his mother, Ann Raynor, of Grinnell; two brothers, Alan and Linda Raynor of Tampa, Fla., and James and JoAnn Raynor of Owasso, Okla.; his mother-in-law, Joan Outlaw, of Montezuma, and other relatives and many friends.

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