

# Merle Dean Richman, 75

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Merle D. Richman, 75, of Montezuma, and formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Monday, March 3, at University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City following a long illness.

His memorial service was Saturday, March 8, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Dennis Dorscheimer officiating. Military rites were by members of the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169. The body was cremated and burial will occur at a later date at the Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Dean was born May 16, 1927, the son of Charles and Vivian (Keller) Richman. He graduated from Montezuma High School and served in the U.S. Army from August 1945 through December 1946. On March 7, 1953, he was united in marriage with Emma Jeanie Olin at Oskaloosa. They lived in Cedar Rapids for several years before moving back to Montezuma in 1999. Dean retired as a checker at Colonial Bakery. After retirement, he worked at Nash Finch for four years.

He was a member of the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169 of Montezuma and was an honorary member of the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Green Bay Packers fan.

Dean is survived by his wife Jeanie of Montezuma; two children, Mike (and Mary) Richman and Michelle Richman (and Randy) all of Cedar Rapids; three grandchildren, Jamie Richman, Jackie Van Gorp and Carter Richardson; five great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Devon and Kendra Poorman and Ashlyn and McKaylan Van Gorp; four brothers, Floyd of Grinnell; Eldon of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Francis of Brownsville, Texas, and Richard of Montezuma; one sister, Alberta Schmitt of Brownsville, Texas; and a half sister, Vinetta Waltermire of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Thelma Johnston and Faye Staecker, and three brothers, Lowell, Lyle and Paul.