David Sutherland VII, 77

David Sutherland VII, 77, of Reeds Spring, Mo., and formerly of Montezuma, died Monday, Nov. 18, at his home.

David was born May 6, 1925, at Grinnell, and was united in marriage to Barbara Lundeen, Jan. 14, 1948. They had made their residence in the area of Reeds Spring, Mo., for the past four years, and Sanibel Island, Fla., previously. David served in World War II and was recalled to serve during the Korean War as an officer in the United States Marine Corps, reaching the rank of Captain.

As editor of The Montezuma Republican in 1954, he pioneered the system of publishing newspapers via the offset printing method. He spoke to publishing groups nationally. He then sewed the seeds of a still-successful printing company.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of Reeds Spring, Mo.; one sister, Mary Jean Hutchinson of Spokane, Wash.; one daughter, Catherine Sutherland of Reeds Spring; one son, David and wife Linda Sutherland of Montezuma; two grandchildren, Tara and David Sutherland of Montezuma, and a host of other friends.

Final disposition was cremation under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home South, Kimberling City, Mo.

A story about Dave's life and accomplishments will be published in the next edition of The Montezuma Republican.