Leslie Steele, 82

Leslie Steele, 82, of rural Deep River, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 3, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home with Dr. Charles Klink of the Montezuma United Methodist Church officiating. Interment with military honors was held in the Barnes City Cemetery in Barnes City. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Fuller-Sarvis American Legion Post #507. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guest book at www.hollandcoblefuneral-home.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Leslie Carlyton Steele, son of W.C. “Cliff” and Erma (Lester) Steele was born on May 11, 1927, in rural Gibson. He attended Jackson Number 8 Country School in rural Montezuma and graduated from Barnes City High School in 1944. Shortly after high school, Leslie enlisted in the United States Army where he served in the Army of Occupation in Japan. After Leslie was honorably discharged in 1948, he farmed with his father in the Barnes City area. On March 9, 1956, he was united in marriage to Imogene Osweiler in Cedar Rapids. To this union, five children were born, Greg, Joe, David, Lisa and Andy. Leslie and Imogene moved to his parents’ farm in 1967, where he continued to farm. Leslie absolutely loved to farm. He enjoyed dancing, traveling and wintering in Arizona with Imogene for the past 30 years. He was an excellent singer. Leslie was a member of the Montezuma United Methodist Church and the Fuller-Sarvis American Legion Post #507.

His memory is honored by his wife of 54 years, Imogene of Deep River; five children, Greg Steele of Montezuma, Joe (Mary) Steele of Montezuma, Lisa (Greg) Harden of Phoenix, Ariz., David (Rhonda) Steele of Washington, and Andy (Sarah) Steele of Waterloo; one sister, Betty Case of Barnes City; and 14 grandchildren, Brad Steele, Shannon Steele, Paige Steele, Ben Steele, Kaylee Doll, Max Harden, Colin Steele, Bryanna Steele, Carly Steele, Ben Harden, Madison Steele, Patrick Steele, Thomas Steele and Natalie Steele.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents, W.C. and Erma Steele; a brother-in-law, Paul Case; and a niece, Rhonda Case.