Dennis Scott Wilson, 56

Dennis Wilson, 56, of Montezuma, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009, due to a massive heart attack. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 22, at the Montezuma High School Gymnasium with the Reverend Kevin Kerber of the Third Reformed Church in Pella officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dennis Wilson Educational Scholarship. Friends may give condolences or sign the online guest book at hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Scott Wilson, son of Scott and Betsy (Barnett) Wilson was born on Sept. 21, 1952, in Oskaloosa. He was a 1970 graduate of Knoxville High School. His first marriage was to Christine Trabert. In 1971, Wils was drafted in the United States Army where he served as a Military Policeman in Camp Casey, Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1974. He attended Central College in Pella receiving his bachelor of arts degree in English with a teacher's endorsement in 1978. On June 27, 1993, Dennis was united to Catherine Aikhouse. Wils taught at Montezuma Community School for 28 years. He took a sabbatical from Montezuma Community School to teach at Maskwacis Settlement School for two years, and worked at Airgun Express in Montezuma for one year, before returning to Montezuma Community School. He was also a Knoxville Speedway announcer for several years. Wils coached multiple sports, at various levels, touching many lives along the way. He enjoyed coaching and taking kids to basketball camps. He was a wonderful and caring teacher. Wils was known for giving his students nicknames. He had a passion for golfing, gardening, coaching and traveling. He mostly enjoyed spending time on the family farm, "conversing" with his brothers and especially being with his grandson, Reece.

His memory is honored by his wife of 15 years, Catherine, of Montezuma; three brothers, Doug (Tryla) Wilson of Knoxville, Bob Wilson of Knoxville, and Randy (Diane) Wilson of Knoxville; two step-sons, Aaron McCaslen of Fontanelle, and Shane (Christy) McCaslen of Montezuma; one special grandson, Reece McCaslen of Montezuma; and five nieces and nephews, Heidi Robison, Holly Joll, Brad Wilson, Leah Wilson and Betsy Wilson.

Wils was preceded in death by his parents, Scott and Betsy Wilson.