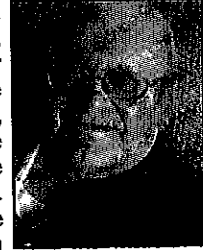


Wavern Briggs, 78

Wavern Briggs, 78, of Montezuma, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at the Veteran's Medical Center in Iowa City. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Interment was in the Masonic IOOF Cemetery in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Friends may sign the online guestbook or send condolences at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Wavern Lee Briggs, son of Homer and Zella (Kirby) Briggs was born on Sept. 14, 1932, in Poweshiek County. He graduated from New Sharon High School in 1949. Wavern enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1955. He attended DeVry Technical Institute after the service. Wavern was married to Louise Dewitt and had two sons, Tim and Jim. They were later divorced. On April 8, 1961, Wavern was united in marriage to Carolyn Hook. To this union, one son was born, Lee. Wavern raised Carolyn's daughters, Carol and Beth, like his own daughters. They resided in Montezuma where he owned and operated Briggs Radio and T.V. until he retired in the spring of 1991. They raised a granddaughter, Michelle Grubb, since she was six months old. Wavern enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post #169, Lafayette Masonic Lodge No. 52, and the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as fire chief for five years.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, of Montezuma; three sons, Tim (Carmen) Briggs of Norwalk, Jim Briggs of New Sharon, and Lee Briggs of Des Moines; one daughter, Carol Grubb, of Montezuma; two sisters, Louise (Dean) Doonan of Pella, and Colleen Fox of New Sharon; 10 grandchildren, Dustin Briggs, Kurtis Grubb, Angie Grubb-Howrey and Michelle Grubb-Sytsma; and several great-grandchildren.

Wavern was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Melvin Briggs and Kenneth James Briggs; a sister, Virginia Briggs; and a daughter, Beth Jones, in 1996.

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