Larry Steele, 76 of Montezuma passed away Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma. Interment was held in the West Liberty Cemetery, Montezuma.

Larry Max Steele, son of Ray B. and Orpha L. (Miller) Steele was born Sept. 7, 1935, west of Montezuma. He was graduated from Montezuma High School.

Larry enlisted in the United States Army in 1958 serving his time in Germany as a mechanic. He was honorably discharged in 1962.

He married Marilyn Stigers Allgood on Aug. 6, 1971 in Oskaloosa. She passed away on Sept. 19, 1993.

January 4, 1998, Larry was united in marriage to P. Jean Kanselaar. He worked as a mechanic at Beaty Brother's Dodge Garage in Grinnell and Vannoy Chevrolet in Montezuma, before becoming the Supervisor of the Gas Department for the City of Montezuma.

Larry enjoyed camping, hunting and restoring his dad's Oliver tractor with his grandson, Travis. He also enjoyed selling and using metal detectors. Larry was a member of the NRA.

He is survived by his wife, P. Jean Steele of Montezuma; his children, Dianna Buffington, Michael Allgood, Deborah Johannes, Dean Kanselaar, Don Kanselaar and Trish Kanselaar; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Marilyn; and his five brothers, Glenn, Art, Alden, Wesley and Marvin.