Ray Pargeon, 65

Ray Pargeon, 65 of New Sharon died July 20, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 23, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in New Sharon. Interment was in the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon.

Ray Eugene Pargeon, son of Vernon and Pauline (Sanders) Pargeon was born Feb. 13, 1947 in Montezuma. He was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1965.

January 17, 1970, Ray was united in marriage to Betty Septer at the Lacey United Methodist Church in Lacey. To this union one daughter was born, Stacy.

Ray worked as a welder at Pamco in Oskaloosa from 1965 to 1972 and a short time at Vermeer in Pella. Ray purchased a farm near Union Mills in 1972 and began farming. In 1995, Ray began working at Montezuma Manufacturing until his health forced him to retire in 2005. Ray enjoyed watching basketball games, especially Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones, 4-wheeling and collecting toy tractors, cars and semi-trucks. However his greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren and attending their many school activities.

He also enjoyed coffee time at Pronto and lunch at East Market Deli in New Sharon and Hometown Cafe in Montezuma inventing the "Ray Special".

His memory will be honored by his wife, Betty Pargeon, of New Sharon; his daughter, Stacy; his four grandchildren, Collin, Cody, Andrew and Cameron Green of Oskaloosa; his sister, Donna Klein of Montezuma; brother-in-law, Les Septer of New Sharon; several nieces, nephews and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Paul Pargeon; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Isabel Septer; his sister and brother-in-law, Ruby (Fred) Alderman and sister-in-law, Georgia "Pud" Septer.