Russell Talbert, 86, of New Sharon died Dec. 28, at his home in New Sharon. Services were Jan. 2, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Russell Dayle Talbert, son of Harold and Mae (Gilbert) Talbert was born Nov. 9, 1926 in Grinnell. He attended country school in the Grinnell area.

On Oct. 7, 1949, Russ was united in marriage to Bettie Stanford. To this union two sons were born, Russell Jr. and Ricky. They were later divorced. Russ then married Alberta Woods on Nov. 24, 1977 at Union Mills. She preceded Russ in death in 2004. Russ farmed and worked at Texaco and Kerr McGee gas station in Montezuma. He also worked at the Montezuma School bus garage as a mechanic for several years, retiring in 1991.

Russ had owned and operated the laundromat in New Sharon since 1994. He enjoyed woodworking, tractor pulls and dancing. Record 1-3-2013

Russ was a member of the New Sharon Lions Club, where he served on the New Sharon City Council and was serving on the Seneca Board in New Sharon. He also attended the New Sharon First Christian Church.

His memory is honored by his son, Ricky Talbert of Montezuma; a step son, Ray Woods; three grandchildren, Rachel Perez, Rebekah Coster and Colton Talbert; four step grandchildren, Christy Kaisand, Missy Eilander, Kent Woods and Scott Woods; Three great grandchildren, 10 step great grandchildren, two step great-great grandchildren, and a brother Michael Talbert.

Russ was preceded in death by his parents; a wife, Alberta; a son, Russell Talbert Jr.; a step son, Gary Woods; a brother, Glen Talbert; and a sister, Faye Talbert.