Bill Earl Swink, 78, of Montezuma, died of cancer on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Mahaska Health Partnership Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the MHP Hospice Serenity House. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Bill Earl Swink, son of John Earl and Martha Louisa (Ringsaker) Swink, was born on Jan. 16, 1935 in Montezuma. He was united in marriage to Marilyn Marlene Draughn on March 25, 1956 in Barnes City. Bill was drafted by the United States Army in 1957, where he served with the Army Military Police in Germany. After he was honorably discharged in 1959, Bill worked several jobs including: Versteegh Construction, Bracken Construction, International Implement and Poweshiek County, retiring in 1997. Bill enjoyed traveling, camping, dancing and playing the guitar.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, John and Martha Swink; his wife, Marilyn Swink; half sisters, Pearl Long, Lucille Argo, Eunice Kelin and Verna Case; and a nephew, Mark Johnson.

He is survived by his son, Bill Earl Swink Jr. and wife, Deanna, of Oskaloosa; three grandchildren, Chandra Lamphier of Center Point, Erica Swink of Sioux City and Tasha Mayfield of Oskaloosa; his sister, Anna Marie Sturdefant of Denver, Colorado; one niece, Pat Ireland; three nephews, Terry Johnson, Kevin Johnson and Michael Johnson and many other nieces and nephews.

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