Freddy Watson

Freddy Watson, 75 of Montezuma died Sunday, March 23, 2014, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 26, at the Montezuma First Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Freddy Clark Watson, the son of Lewis and Lucille Bryan Watson, was born on Dec. 30, 1938, in Grinnell. Growing up, he attended Searsboro Community Church and graduated from Searsboro High School in 1957. Following high school, Freddy enlisted in the United States Navy, serving four years before being honorably discharged in May of 1965.

On June 26, 1964, Freddy was united in marriage with Mary Lu Ahrens at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, and they had two sons.

Freddy worked for Byers Construction and the Taintor Lumberyard before starting his own carpentry business, Watson Construction, in the early 1970s. During his construction career, Freddy worked alongside Robert Walker of Walker Construction retiring in 2001. Freddy enjoyed taking care of his gardens and flower beds, NASCAR, hunting and bird-watching, western movies, puzzles and above all, spending time with his family. Freddy was a lifetime member of the NRA and the Poweshiek County Sportsman's Association (PCSA).

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Mary Lu Watson of Montezuma; two sons, Michael Fred Watson of Ankeny and David Robert Watson of Ankeny; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his mother, Lucille Marie Watson of Montezuma; two brothers, Raymond Watson and Bill Watson; three sisters, Rilla Baker, Martha Vos and LuAnne Dean; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

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His memory will be honored by his wife of nearly 50 years, Mary Lu Watson of Montezuma; two sons, Michael Fred (Deanna Marie) Watson of Ankeny and David Robert (Karoline Kay) Watson of Ankeny; four grandchildren, Josh Phillips, Ashley Marie (Justin) Enderson, Skylar Watson (Kasey Thompson) and Derek (Samantha) Watson; two great-grandchildren, Ellie Marie Enderson and Kylie Marie Enderson; his mother, Lucille Marie Watson of Montezuma; two brothers, Raymond (Mary Jo) Watson and Bill (Dianne) Watson; three sisters, Rilla (Ronnie) Baker, Martha (Don) Vos and LuAnne (Mike) Dean; many nieces, nephews and friends.

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