Edward Eugene Snook, 76, of Montezuma passed away Thursday morning, June 26, 2014, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Montezuma. Funeral services were held at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 29, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Food Pantry or the Dollars for Scholars. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Eugene Snook, was born the seventh of 11 children to Lester and Eva (Tish) Snook, on August 2, 1937, at home northeast of Montezuma. He went to country school through the eighth grade. Edward worked for many area farmers including Eldon Speas, Ralph Phillips, Wilbur Jack and Harold Thompson. In his 20s, Edward and Donald Thompson started a custom plowing business. In 1962, Edward began working for his uncle, Hughie Snook, shearing corn and custom combining. On June 25, 1965, Edward was united in marriage to Betty Ann Acord at the Christian Church Parsonage in Montezuma. To this union two daughters were born, Brenda Lea and Neva Ann. Following his uncle’s death, Edward went to work for Roger Tice at the Montezuma Elevator. In 1985, Edward began working alongside his wife as a custodian at the Montezuma Community School.

As everyone could see, Edward extremely loved his wife, daughters, sons-in-law and his grandchildren. His only hobby was his love for the three John Deere tractors he had. He mowed and tilled gardens for many years. You could see him with his grandchildren teaching them how to mow and till, or get their naps in. He still has the same tractors today and two of them are over 30 years old.

Those left to tell their thoughts are his wife of 49 years, Betty Snook of Montezuma; his two daughters, Brenda (Don) Peck of Montezuma and Neva (Allen) Gregory of Montezuma; four grandchildren, Serena (Adam Montgomery) Gregory, Alexander (Calli Zimmerman) Peck, William Gregory, and Joseph Peck; nine siblings, Willis Snook of Grinnell, Gladys Arthur of Galesburg, Francis Schillenger, Orion, Ill., Floyd (Joan) Snook of Searso, Betty Van Dee of Deep River, Donald Snook of Grinnell, Eldon (Reca) Snook of Grinnell, Keith (Pat) Snook of Parachute, Colo., Roy (Kathy) Snook of Parachute, Colo.; and many other relatives and friends.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Lucille (Walt) Tish; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Snook and Eleanor “Ellie” Snook; brothers-in-law, Keith Arthur and Marion Van Dee.