Melvin Kiner, 83

Melvin Kiner, 83, of Montezuma and formerly of Altoona, died Oct. 7, 2016 at the Montezuma Specialty Care. Services were Oct. 11, at Altoona United Methodist Church. Burial will be at the Altoona United Methodist Church. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Melvin (Mel) Robert Kiner, was born Jan. 28, 1933 in Montezuma to Charles and Frances Western. Kiner Mel attended grade school at the Ewart Country School and was graduated from Montezuma Community Schools in 1951. He farmed for two years before entering the U.S. Army where he became a Proficiency Testing Instructor. 

Mel married Evelyn Ennenga in 1960 at Winterset, and in 1962 their son Cary was born. He received his B.A. in 1960 from William Penn College, and his M.S. from Drake University in 1964 and his Specialist in Education degree from Drake University in 1968. 

Mel enjoyed his retirement and spent his free time golfing, traveling and was an avid sports football fan. He enjoyed his grandchildren and served as a volunteer for several organizations. 

Mel was a member of the Des Moines Elementary Principals Organization, Des Moines School Administration, School Administrators of Iowa, and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. 

Mel is survived by his son Cary and his wife Beth of Craig, Nebraska; his grandchildren Desiree (Ray) Glanzner of Carpenter, South Dakota, Jay (Melissa) Nance of Omaha, Neb., Cheeree (James) Simms of Fort Worth, Tex., Cameron Kiner of Pella, Great-grandchildren Aiden, Daunte, Ava, Henry, William, Jack, Kael, Charlie and Amaari; sister-in-laws Carol Espeland and Shirley McBride and a host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Evelyn and his brothers Charles and Wilmer.