Larry Dye, 72, of Mission, Texas, and formerly of this area, died Wednesday morning, Feb. 8, 2017.

Visitation was scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. Monday evening, Feb. 13, 2017 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Private burial services will be held in the Union Mills Cemetery with Father Ronald Hodges officiating from St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

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Larry is survived by his wife, Irma of Mission, Texas; his children, Melinda Morton of Orlando, Fla., Rick Dye of Kirkville, Mo., Christy Winkelmann of Mission, Texas, and Chad Dye of New Sharon; nine grandchildren and two step grandchildren; stepfather, Lyle Routier of Grinnell; one sister, three half-sisters and four half-brothers; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

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