John Avery Runyan, 84

John Avery Runyan, 84, formerly of Montezuma passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2016. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Montezuma. Burial will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery in Collins, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 303 East Washington St., Montezuma, Iowa 50171, Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

John was born on September 3, 1932 in Collins, to Henry and Edna Runyan. He graduated from Collins High School in 1950 and served as a gunner's mate on two US Navy destroyers. John graduated from Drake University with a degree in accounting. He went on to work for several large companies in the United States and Canada. He then decided to start his own business, John's Furniture and Appliance in Grinnell.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Edna Runyan, his sisters Patty and Betty and his brother Bob.

John is survived by his wife, Nadine, and their children, Rhonda, Rob, Ryan, Roberta, Paul and Rachelle; Nadine's children Lynn, Sherry, Douglas, Kent, Julie, and Dirk; his brother Eugene and sister Marilyn; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren and host of friends.