

## Danial Maxey Hester, 57



Danial Maxey Hester, 57, of New Sharon, passed away on Monday, March 27, 2006 at the Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

His funeral service was Friday morning, March 31, at Garland-

VanArkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel, Oskaloosa, with the Rev. Brian Latham of the Fellowship Bible Church officiating. Military Honors were conducted by the American Legion Post No. 34 and the V.F.W. following services at the funeral chapel. Cremation was then accorded.

Danial Maxey Hester, the son of Maxey and Billie Darlene Garrett Hester, was born on Jan. 25, 1949, at Fort Smith, Ark. In 1950, Danial's family moved from Alma, Ark. to Des Moines where they resided until he was a junior in high school. The family then moved to Montezuma in 1967 and Danial graduated from Montezuma High School in 1968. He then enlisted

in the U.S. Navy in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970. He married Dorothy Marie Meinders on June 1, 1991, at Oskaloosa. He was employed at Sig's in Montezuma for 17 years and was the warehouse manager. He later worked as a security guard for Clow Manufacturing, Oskaloosa, from 1999-2004. He had been a resident of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown since November of 2004. He enjoyed leather work and making everything from billfolds to saddles.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Hester, of New Sharon, son Clayton Hester of New Sharon, and daughter Penny Bailey of Houston, Texas; three sisters, Doris (and Mike) Gretz of Montezuma, Nancy (and Tony) Lammers of Brooklyn; and Joyce Hester of Montezuma; his father, Maxey Hester, and step-mother Hazel Sig Hester of Montezuma.

He was preceded in death by his mother and two brothers, Harold Hester, and David Hester, who died when he was 11 months old, and one niece, Esther.

A memorial fund has been established

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