



**DON SIMPSON**

**Feb. 23, 1947 - Oct. 3, 2018**

Don Simpson, 71 of Montezuma, passed away October 3, at his home in Montezuma. Services were held October 9, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, Montezuma. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the family's name to go towards a local children's charity.

Donald "Don" Wayne Simpson, the son of Mark and Lela Speas Simpson was born near Montezuma February 23, 1947. He was raised on a farm where he learned the value of hard work. Don was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1965.

On August 12, 1977, Don was united in marriage to Ginny Dingenman and together they raised four daughters, Deborah, Dawnetta,

Darla and Deedra.

Don spent his life behind the wheel of a semi. He owned his own semi and then drove truck for Monte Manufacturing for over fourteen years retiring in 1996 due to health reasons.

He enjoyed traveling and seeing his siblings, collecting NASCAR memorabilia, toy farm tractors, toy semi's and souvenir spoons of places he had visited.

He also enjoyed woodworking, staying connected with his daughters through his I-pad and was meticulous with his yard work. He was a big NASCAR fan and was so proud of his family and spent as much time as possible with his grandchildren.

His memory is honored by his daughters, Deborah "Deb" (David) Brothersen of Davenport, Dawnetta (Greg) Baethke of Nevada, Darla (Danny) Owens of Montezuma and Deedra "Dee Dee" (Dan) Phillips of Montezuma; his grandchildren, Spencer Brothersen, Stuart Brothersen, Alaina Brothersen, Cade (Jenay) Baethke, Payton (Laura) Baethke, Carson (Folasade) Baethke, Kramer Baethke, Adam Owens, Abby Owens, Josh Phillips, Maleah Phillips and Kennedy (Meliek) Meyer; eight great grandchildren, as well as many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Lela Simpson; his wife "the love of his life", Virginia "Ginny" Simpson in 2008 and his brothers Danny in infancy and Bill Simpson.

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