LaVern Rauch, 83, of Montezuma, died March 29, 2019, at Unity Point Health-Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. No visitation is planned. Burial with military rites was held in the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

LaVern Eugene Rauch was born May 17, 1935, near Deep River, the son of Henry and Laura Meyer Rauch. He attended high school in Deep River before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1958. He was united in marriage to Murlene Ochs in 1958 and they had a daughter, Murlene. Murlene later died in 1962. On Nov. 9, 1963, he married Irvieen Douglass at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. They had a daughter, LaVone Rauch, and a son, Robert Rauch. He enjoyed antique tractors, cars, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Murlene Rauch; a sister, Carolyn Grier; and two brothers, his twin, LaVone Rauch, and Robert Rauch.

LaVern is survived by his wife, Irvieen Rauch of Montezuma; two daughters, Kathy Simonon of Des Moines and Jena Keith of Wheaton, Mo; three grandsons; and six great grandchildren.