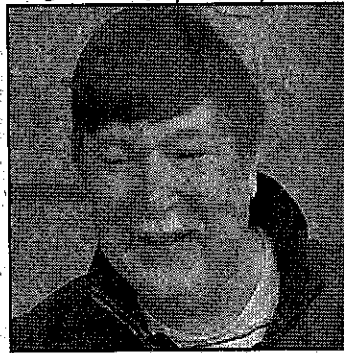


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**Royce Dean Stephen**  
**Jun. 15, 1957 - Oct. 17, 2019**

Royce Stephen, 62 of New Sharon passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Oct. 17 while performing his duties at work. Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 21 at Community Hope Church in Montezuma. Burial was held in the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Community Hope Church of Montezuma.

Royce Dean Stephen was born June 15, 1957 in Oskaloosa, to Duane and Lois (Eflin) Stephen. He attended New Sharon school and was graduated from North Mahaska High School in 1975. He attended Indian Hills Community College, graduating with a degree in Building Trades. Royce was united in marriage to Beverly Barker on Dec. 6, 1980. They are the parents of three children, Adam, Stephanie and Cassie. Royce spent much of his career at Cargill in Eddyville, and most recently, 19 years working for the Oskaloosa Water Department. Hunting and trap shooting were favorite pastimes of his. Most of all his faith in God and providing for his family were his most treasured priorities. He was a member of Community Hope Church in Montezuma.

His memory will be honored by his wife of nearly 39 years, Beverly Stephen, his mother Lois Stephen, three children, Adam Stephen of Oskaloosa, Stephanie Stephen of Salem, NH and Querétaro, Mexico, and Cassie (Scott) Meier of Colorado Springs, CO; six grandchildren, Jasmine and Natalie Stephen of Oskaloosa, Kohen, Karter, and Karlee Meier of Colorado Springs, CO, Emilio Martinez Stephen of Querétaro, Mexico, and two sisters, Florene Williams of Springfield, MO, and Cindy (Bill) McConkey of Englewood, CO.

Royce was preceded in death by his father Duane Stephen.