

Craig K. Watts, 55



Craig K. Watts, 55, of Montezuma, died Friday, July 21, 2006, at his home in Montezuma.

His funeral service was Wednesday, July 26, at the Montezuma Presbyterian Church with the

Rev. George Salnave officiating and the Rev. Ron Bryan assisting. Burial was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

He was born September 29, 1950 in Oskaloosa, the son of Keith and Bernice Johnson Watts. He graduated from Montezuma Community High School with the Class of 1968, and then attended Ellsworth Junior College and then Marshalltown Community College. In 1976, he graduated from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in Dallas, Texas. On Aug. 9, 1969, he was married to Lyndal Good at Montezuma and to this union three children were born: Scott, Greg, and Angela. He was licensed as a funeral director in 1977, worked at the Steffy Funeral Home in Montezuma, and purchased the funeral home in 1983, when he changed the name to Watts Funeral Home. His

parents started Watts Vault and Monument Company in Montezuma in 1957, and he worked in that family business setting burial vaults, digging graves, and mowing cemeteries. Craig helped the business grow which now includes the third generation and four locations in central Iowa. He served in the Iowa National Guard for six years. Craig was a member of the Iowa Funeral Directors Association, and had served several terms as a District Governor; the National Funeral Directors Association; the National Concrete Burial Vault Association; a former member of the Montezuma School Board; the Montezuma Lions Club; Knights of Pythias; and the Montezuma Presbyterian Church.

His family includes his children, Scott (and Julie) Watts of Runnells, Greg (and Brenda) Watts of Montezuma, and Angela Watts of Ankeny; seven grandchildren, Carson, Cailey, Cutler, Cassidy, Carrington, Jess, and Tanner; a sister, Peggy Watts of Fort Collins, Colo.; his grandmother, Mae Watts of Montezuma; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1983 and his mother in 1986.

Memorials may be made to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

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