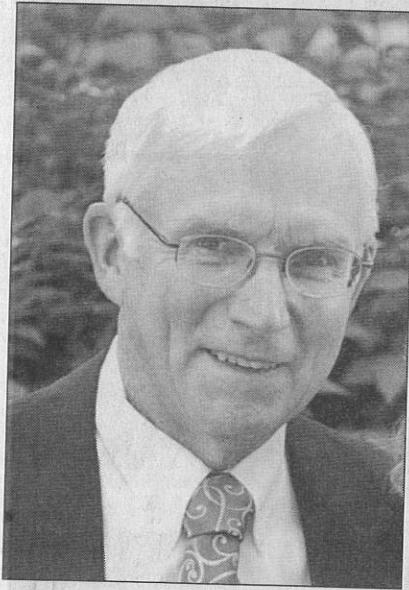


## Keith Cheney

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Keith Cheney, 72, of Grinnell and formerly of Montezuma, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at the First Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Montezuma. Burial will be in the Pleasant Township Cemetery in Ewart. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Montezuma. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Keith Lynn Cheney, the son of Vern and Doris McMahan Cheney, was born on Dec. 29, 1948, in Grinnell. He attended country school through the third grade before graduating from Montezuma High School in 1967, then went to Iowa State University, receiving his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1971. On Aug. 8, 1970, Keith married his high school sweetheart, Susan Braley, and they had two children.

Keith enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served four years. Following his honorable discharge, Keith and Sue moved back to Deep River to work the family farm. He raised livestock and row crops. Keith was a member of the Poweshiek Country Farm Bureau and also served on the Poweshiek County Alliance Board. He worked at DeJong Manufacturing as an engineer in the years leading up to retirement.

Faith and family were important to Keith. He was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Montezuma where he served as a ruling elder and trustee. Keith's love for studying the Word led him to lead an early morning Promise Keepers group, teach adult Sunday school, and lead a small group. He was also part of the sound tech ministry.

Keith enjoyed watching his grandchildren at their sporting and musical events. He loved entertaining family and friends at the lake, and especially loved pontoon rides at sunset. In his free time, he flew radio control airplanes, played pickleball and ping pong, cheered on the Iowa State Cyclones, and enjoyed fixing things. He loved to travel and see different parts of the country. Keith and Sue enjoyed exploring the scenic bike trails of Iowa on Ebikes.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan Cheney of Grinnell; his children, Matthew Cheney of Olathe, Kansas, and Amy Miller of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; his sister, Gail Beebe of Arizona; and many other relatives and friends.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Vern and Doris Cheney; two brothers, Everett Cheney and Marvin Cheney; and one grandson.

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U.S. Veteran

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As a farmer he planted seeds to grow, as a believer he planted seeds of faith, as a father he planted seeds of love.

His legacy will be honored by his wife of 51 years, Susan Cheney of Grinnell; his children, Matthew (Allyson) Cheney of Olathe, Kansas and Amy (Matthew) Miller of Grinnell; his seven grandchildren, Chase Cheney, Gage Cheney, Gunnar Cheney, River Cheney, Sydney Miller, Cora Miller, and Paige Miller; his sister, Gail (Bob) Beebe of Arizona and a sister-in-law, Lana Cheney-Hasenyager of Eureka, Illinois; and many other relatives and friends.

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