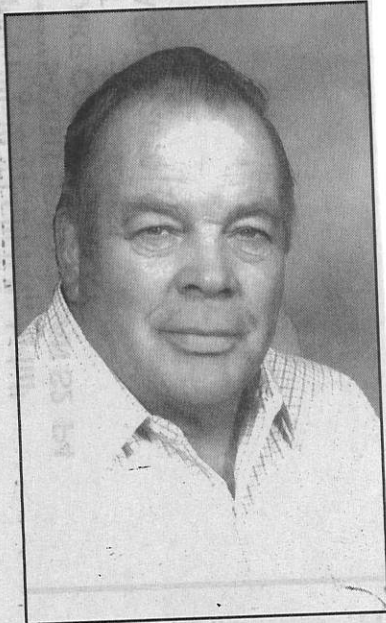


Obituaries

Rae "Razor" Van Roekel

July 29, 1946 - May 31, 2022

U.S. Veteran



Rae "Razor" Van Roekel, 75 of Montezuma passed, May 31, 2022 at his home in Montezuma. A memorial service was held June 3, at Montezuma United Methodist Church with Military Rites following outside in front of the Poweshiek County Freedom Rock.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Unity Point Hospice, the Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post #169 Building Fund, or the Montezuma Fire Department. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Rae "Razor" Harris Van Roekel, the son of Harry and Maggie (Gezel) Van Roekel, was born July 29, 1946 at Newton. He was one of ten siblings. Rae was a 1964 graduate of Montezuma High School.

He worked for a short time at Bowers Construction before being drafted into the United States Army in November of 1965 being stationed in Germany.

After being honorably discharged in the fall of 1967, he returned home and worked again for Bowers Construction.

Rae was united in marriage to Brigitte Meyer on August 22, 1969 at the Montezuma United Methodist Church and to this union two children were born: Rita and Danny. He then began working for Poweshiek County driving a maintainer and retired after 33 years in 2002.

After retirement, he worked part-time for Simmon's Construction hauling gravel and farmed on the side. Rae enjoyed fishing, horseshoe pitching, hunting, riding his horses and mules, riding his gator, coffeetime and playing cards. Family was a huge part of his life and he loved teaching his grandchildren how to fish and bought a pony for each of his grandchildren teaching them to ride and drive their ponies.

Rae and Brigitte started the first trail rides at Montezuma for over 25 years. They continued doing this at their cabin location at Unionville, and wintered for 12 years in Arizona.

Rae and Brigitte also camped

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at the Iowa State Fair for over 40 years and Rae played in many horseshoe tournaments winning at the Fair and also in Arizona. Rae was looking forward to being inducted into the Draft Horse and Mule Association Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair in August. Rae was a friend to many and never knew a stranger.

Family was the most important thing in his life.

Rae is preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Floyd Van Roekel, John Van Roekel, Dwight Van Roekel, Marvin Van Roekel, Betty Van Wyk Brandstra; two brothers in infancy and a great niece, Kara Meyer.

He is survived by his wife, Brigitte; his children, Rita (Brad) Damery of Taylorville, Il., and Danny (Jackie) Van Roekel of Montezuma; his grandchildren, Shauna (Jon) Plants, Lex (Alexa) Jack, Wyatt (Jasmine Foster) Jack, Houston Van Roekel, and Hayden (Allyson) Damery; great granddaughter, Gracie Plants and one on the way; his siblings, Paul (Sandra) Van Roekel of Grinnell and Veldine Scott of Des Moines; his sisters-in-law, Denise Van Roekel of Montezuma and Vera (Dennis) Latcham of Montezuma; his brother-in-law, Uwe (Diane) Meyer of Montezuma and many nieces, nephews, and friends.