Robert A. Hary, Sr.

Robert A. Hary, Sr., 70, of Montezuma, died at his home on Friday, June 1, 2007.

His funeral service at Montezuma was Sunday, June 3, at the Montezuma United Methodist Church with the Rev. Matthew Miller of Grundy Center United Methodist Church officiating. His funeral service at Winfield was Tuesday, June 5, at the Winfield United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy Bender, Winfield United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Greg Carr, Winfield Open Bible Church, officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.

Music at Montezuma was provided by Rhonda Minner, soloist, and Carol Behounek, organist.

Casket bearers were Nick Kirsch, Scott White, Greg Kirsch, Matt Westendorf, Nick Hildebrandt, Harold Wheeler and Scott Jack.

Robert Alan Hary, Sr., the son of Walter Robert Hary and Frances Ida Prevo, was born on Nov. 1, 1936, at Evansville, Ind. Bob served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Air Force Special Forces for 27 years. He went on to graduate from the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and has been an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church for 23 years. He served at Paragon United Methodist Church in Indiana and Fairbanks, Oran, Mt. Union and Wesley Chapel in Iowa.

On Nov. 19, 1991, Bob was united in marriage with Joann Hildebrandt Nielsen in Lamont. Bob’s greatest desire was to love his Lord and Savior and to be a witness and testimony for Jesus Christ. Bob enjoyed airplanes, golf, reading, computers, photography, clowning around as Purple Love and Lion Forrest, repairing computers and appliances, but most of all, he loved his grandchildren and could usually be found teasing them.

Bob was a longtime member of the FMFpac Drum and Bugle Team, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Limestone Masonic Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Royal Arch Masons, the Nights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order.

Those left to honor Bob’s memory include his wife, Joann H. Hary, of Montezuma; his children, Jennifer and Charlie Kirsch of Newburgh, Ind., Robert A. Hary, Jr. of Newburgh, Ind., Martin Nielsen of Cedar Rapids, Stephanie and Scott White of Winfield, his eight grandchildren and his step-mother, Daralee (Hary) Herrell.

He was preceded in death by his mom in 1964, his dad in 1982 and his brother, Gary Hary, in 1979.

Memorial contributions may be designated in Bob’s name to the Camp and Mission Funds of the United Methodist Church.