

# Lee Roy Cheney, 57

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Lee Roy Cheney, 57, of Montezuma, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, from injuries received in a tractor-car accident north of Deep River.

A funeral was Dec. 21 at United Methodist Church, Montezuma, with the Revs. Burr Bryant, Howard Fitzgerald and George Salnave officiating. Pallbearers were Rocky Wallace, Jim Reitzler, Dan Rieder, Jim Jeffrey, Richard Icenbice, Richard Geiger, James Fisk and Ron Pennington. Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth "Bud" Cheney Jr., Richard Cheney, Bruck Jack and Denny Jack. Interment was in Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River.

The son of Kenneth "Mike" and Duane (Pierce) Cheney, he was born Nov. 25, 1944, on the family farm north of Deep River. He graduated in 1963 from Deep River-Millersburg High School, then began farming.

On Dec. 13, 1969, he married Linda Jack in Victor. They lived near Deep River until moving to Montezuma last year. They attended Montezuma United Methodist Church.

Lee Roy served on the Federal Land Bank board. His life focused on farming and family. The couple enjoyed vacationing, especially in the Branson, Mo., area. Lee Roy also enjoyed building machine sheds and doll houses for his grandchildren. He was quick to help other people.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Montezuma; three children, Tammy (Bill) Sutfin and Traci (Brett) Gregory of Montezuma, and Tom (Michelle) Cheney of Deep River; two brothers, Kenneth "Bud" (Judy) Cheney and Richard (Jenny) Cheney, both of Deep River; two sisters, Dorothy (Don) Van Zee of Cedar Rapids and Donna (Ron) Benton of Guthrie Center; six grandchildren; and other relatives.

Lee Roy was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Terri; a son, Trent; his parents; and a brother, Jim Cheney.

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## Montezuma man killed in crash of van, tractor

Lee Roy Cheney, 57, of Montezuma died late Tuesday afternoon in a van-tractor crash three miles north of Montezuma. *Dec. 18*

According to Trooper Matt Schwenn of the Iowa State Patrol, Cheney was northbound on Highway 21, driving a John Deere tractor and pulling a grain mixer. A 2000 Chevrolet van driven by Bruce Leslie Pomeroy, 69, of Cedar Rapids was also northbound on the highway and rear-ended the grain mixer.

Schwenn said that Cheney had no lights on the rear of the tractor or the mixer. Pomeroy attempted to avoid a collision by going to the left, but collided with the rear of the mixer. The tractor separated from the mixer and rolled onto its side, coming to a rest on the west shoulder. The grain mixer came to a rest on the east shoulder.

Cheney was pronounced dead at the scene.

Both vehicles and the mixer were demolished in the crash. Pomeroy, who was wearing a seat belt, escaped serious injury.

Also at the scene were the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office, the Deep River Volunteer Fire Department and the Brooklyn Ambulance Service.

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Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 21, 2001 at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma with Rev. H. Burr Bryant, Father Howard Fitzgerald and Rev. George M. Sainave officiating.

Pianist was Sally Johnston.

Pallbearers were Rocky Wallace, Richard Icenbice, Jim Reitzler, Richard Geiger, Dan Rieder, James Fisk, Jim Jeffrey and Ron Pennington.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth "Bud" Cheney, Jr., Richard Cheney, Bruce Jack, and Denny Jack.

Flower attendants were Keith and Connie Kempf, Dennis and Vicki Blum, Viv Jack and Kim Jack.

The son of Kenneth "Mike" and Duane (Pierce) Cheney, he was born Nov. 25, 1944 on the family farm north of Deep River. He graduated from Deep River-Millersburg High School in 1963. He then began farming.

On Dec. 13, 1969 he was united in marriage with Linda Jack at Victor. To this union, five children were born. They lived all of their married lives near Deep River until moving to Montezuma last year.

They attended the Montezuma United Methodist Church. Lee Roy served on the

Federal Land Bank board. His life centered around farming and his family. Linda and Lee Roy enjoyed vacationing and spending time in the Branson, Mo. area. Every summer they would take all of the grandchildren with them to Branson.

Lee Roy had built machine sheds and doll houses for the grandchildren. If anybody needed help, he would be one of the first there.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Terri and a son, Trent; his parents, Mike and Duane; and a brother, Jim Cheney.

Lee Roy is survived by his wife, Linda, of Montezuma and their family, Tammy and Bill Sutfin and their children Brandon, Shannon and Bryant all of Montezuma; Tracie and Brett Gregory and their children Katelyn and Kerri of Montezuma; and Tom and Michelle Cheney and their son Adam of Deep River; two brothers Kenneth "Bud" (and Judy) Cheney and Richard (and Jenny) Cheney all of Deep River; two sisters Dorothy (and Don) Van Zee of Cedar Rapids; and Donna (and Ron) Benton of Guthrie Center; a sister-in-law Arva Cheney of Deep River; many nieces and nephews and other relatives and many friends.

Interment was at the Golden Rod Cemetery at Deep River.

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