

Norman P. Lester, 59

Norman P. Lester, 59, of Montezuma died Thursday, November 21, 1996 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 25, at Watts Funeral Home with the Rev. George M. Salnave and Rev. Dennis Dorshiemer officiating. Organist was Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey. Music selections were "Will the Circle Be Unbroken", "A Very Precious Love", "Just a Closer Walk" and "Be Not Afraid". Honorary casket bearers were the nursing staff and nurse aids of Powell III at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Casket bearers were Steve Bruggeman, Russell Wyatt, John Schwechel, John Griffin, Chris Wray, Dick Osborne, Craig Fawcett and Marty Duffus. Burial was in the Jackson Township Cemetery.

Norman P. Lester was born October 28, 1937 at Montezuma, the son of Edgar and Hazel (Stevens) Lester. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1955. On February 21, 1964 he was united in marriage with Janice Meinders at Oskaloosa. To this union two daughters and one son were born. Norman lived most of his life in Montezuma, where he had worked in the parts department at John Deere, the grocery store and for several years was the dispatcher for the Poweshiek

County Sheriff's office. He also had driven the Poweshiek County Transportation Bus. He was also a member of the Montezuma Police Reserve.

Norman loved his family and enjoyed the grandchildren. He liked to fish, going to coffee time and visiting. He also was an avid bowler.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar and one brother, Ralph Lester.

Norman is survived by his wife, Janice and their family, Gloria and Larry Stout of Oskaloosa; Jerry Lester of Montezuma; and Karen and David Holmes of Des Moines; two grandchildren, Christopher Lester and Megan Holmes; his mother Hazel Lester of Montezuma; one sister, Judy Easley of Salem, Ore.; his parents-in-law, Tim and Della Meinders of Oskaloosa; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Junella and Keith Schultz of Des Moines; Clarence and Wilma Meinders of Oskaloosa; Carolyn and Rick Vos of Pella; and Shirley and Tony Van Zee of Pleasantville; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and many friends.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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