

# Larry Leydens dies at 43

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Larry Leydens died at his home south of Montezuma on Thursday, June 15. He was 43 years old.

The son of William and Maggie Van Genderem Leydens, he was born at Montezuma on April 27, 1935. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army from April of 1954 to March, 1956. He was stationed in Japan for about 18 months.

In 1962 he was seriously injured in an automobile

accident from which he never fully recovered. He had worked as an insurance salesman for Watkins Products and helped on the farm.

Services for Mr. Leydens were Saturday afternoon, June 17, at the Steffy Funeral Home with the Rev. Martin Gruneich officiating. Music at the rites was provided by soloist Mrs. Phil Evans accompanied by Mrs. Dennis Johnston, organist. Casket bearers were Jim Casey, Marion Speas, Robert Hobbs, Ken Butler, Keith

Walker and Mike Phillips. Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Willis of Montezuma and Leland of Des Moines; and four sisters, Anna Mae Swink of Salem, Ore., Viola Casey of Malcom, Doris Butler of Ladora and Beverly Buerkens of Davenport.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Morris and Andrew.

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