

Gary H. Taylor

Gary H. "Gopher" Taylor, 51, of Montezuma died Friday, Aug. 26, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. George Salnave of the First Presbyterian Church of Montezuma officiating.

Military graveside rites were conducted by the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post, with burial in Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart.

He was born Jan. 14, 1943, in New Sharon, the son of Homer and Violet Heitsman Taylor. He was a 1962 graduate of Montezuma High School.

On Jan. 17, 1964, he was married to Barbara Jean McKeag in Grinnell. Mr. Taylor served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 and was stationed in Germany.

He had worked for Sig Manufacturing since August 1963. He was a member of the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Dena Jo Taylor of Packwood; his father; and one brother, Richard of Barnes City.

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He was born Jan. 14, 1943 at New Sharon, the son of Homer and Violet (Heitsman) Taylor. He was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1962.

On Jan. 17, 1964 he was united in marriage with Barbara Jean McKeag at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell. To this union two children were born. He served in the Army from 1966 to 1968 and was stationed in Germany. Gary has worked for Sig Manufacturing since August, 1963. He was a member of the Blakley-Stevens American Legion Post No. 169.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Violet on July 17, 1978 and his grandparents.

Gary is survived by his wife, Barbara; a daughter Dena Jo Taylor of Packwood; a son Steven D. Taylor of Montezuma; his brother, Richard Taylor of Barnes City; and other relatives and many many friends.

Funeral services were held at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma. Officiating the service was Rev. Dr. George Salnave, First Presbyterian Church, Montezuma.

Mrs. Kathleen Ramsey was the organist playing "The Lord's Prayer" with Eric Allen as soloist. "You'll Never Walk Alone" was sung by Darrell Brand, Chad Kammin, Tom Sandholm and Scott Swartz.

Casket Bearers were Jim Cranston, Lyle Berry, Keith Kiefer, John Ahrens, Terry Stephen, Roger Flander and Gary McKeag. Military graveside rites were performed by members of Blakley-Stevens Legion Post No. 169. Taps were played by Steven Taylor. Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart.

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