Donavon Latcham, 77

Onavon Latcham, 77, formerly of New Sharon and Montezuma passed away Monday, March 7, 2011, at the Griffin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Knoxville. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 12, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery in Montezuma. In



lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in the family's name. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble

Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donavon Lyle Latcham, son of Cleon and Dorothy (Wheeler) Latcham was born on Jan. 16, 1934, in Mahaska County. He was a 1948 graduate of North Mahaska High School. On June 30, 1953, Donavon was united in marriage to Patricia Hamilton in New Sharon. To this union seven children were born, Michael, Deborah, Timothy, Steven, Mindy, David Scott, and Melissa. They were later divorced. He later married Lois Tatum on Nov. 25, 1991. Donavon owned and operated Latcham Vacuum Cleaner Supply Company for over 50 years. He won Vacuum Salesman of the Year Award several different times. Donavon enjoyed golfing, mushroom hunting and most of all birds. He was a member of the Montezuma Faith Christian Center, the Oskaloosa Assembly of God Church and the New Sharon Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, of Newland, N.C.; his children, Tim (Susan) Latcham of Tracy, Mindy (Jeff Dively) Latcham-Smith of Omaha, Scott (Jana) Latcham of Montezuma and Melissa (David) Hendrix of Jacksonville, Fla.; four step-children, Sharon, Susan, Sandra and Jimmy; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren

and great-great-grandchildren.

Donavon is preceded in death by his parents, Cleon and Dorothy Latcham; three children, Michael Latcham, Deborah Latcham and Steven Latcham; and a sister, Carolyn Lynn.