

## Obituary

### Marvin Gene Roorda, 76



Marvin Gene Roorda, 76, a resident of Evangelical Free Church Home of Boone, formerly of Montezuma, died on Dec. 8, 2008 in Boone.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma, followed by coffee time at the church. The Rev. Chuck Klink will officiate. Interment will be in the Sully Cemetery in Sully. Full Military Honors with U.S. Flag presentation will be conducted at the graveside by the American Legion Post 89 of Pella.

Visitation, with the family present, will be held at the church Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service.

Walter ~ Schroeder Funeral Home in Boone is in charge of arrangements.

Marvin was born Sept. 10, 1932, in Richland Township, Jasper County, Iowa, the son of John Jr. and Anna Mae (De Winter) Roorda. He graduated in 1951 from Montezuma High School.

Marvin was a Korean War Veteran. He enlisted in United States Air Force in July 1951 and was based at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N.M. Marvin was honorably discharged in July 1955, with the rank of A1C (Airman 1st Class).

Marvin married Gertrude Louis Schultz in Millersburg, in January 1954. The couple resided in Boone, from 1962 to 1979. He later married Goldie Eileen Fuller in December 1979 until her death in 2002. He resided in Montezuma from 1979 to 2007. In 2007 he returned to Boone, as a resident of

Evangelical Free Church Home.

He celebrated his confirmation of faith in February 1963 as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Boone, until 1979. He later reaffirmed his faith with Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River, in 2002, where he was an active member until 2007.

Marvin retired from Warren Transport in Waterloo, and then from Dieo-matic, Montezuma, as a semi-truck driver. He enjoyed farming, antique tractor restoration and rides, bowling, snow-birding in Arizona, golfing, and being part of a family of 15 siblings. He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his son, Byron (Delores) Roorda of Pearland, Texas; his daughter, Kristin (Christopher) Soder of Boone; his son, Noel Roorda of Summerfield, Kan.; his grandchildren, Angela Roorda, Jessica Davis, Jerod Roorda, Laura Soder, and Andrew Soder, and his two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Debbie (Steve) Day of Ottumwa. His 14 surviving siblings include: Harlan Roorda of Prairie City, Loren Roorda of Montezuma, Norm Roorda and Elmer Roorda, both of Oskaloosa, Virgil Roorda of Barnes City, Lyle Roorda and Bruce Roorda, both of Montezuma, Joyce Stone of Grinnell, Barb Foster of New Sharon, Marilyn Cook of Otley, Patricia Davis of Oklahoma, Marge Clayton and Sharon Fowler, both of Grinnell, and Linda Mason of Colorado.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his two wives, and his infant son, Marvin DeWayne Roorda in 1954.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Hospice of Central Iowa located in Boone or the Evangelical Free Church Home in Boone or the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River.