## LaVerne Jack 10-17-2013



LaVerne Jack, 71, formerly of Montezuma, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma. Burial will be at the Pleasant Township Cemetery at Ewart immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Fire and Rescue. Friends can sign the online guestbook at www. hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, from 1 until 7 p.m. at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Family will be present to greet friends from 4 to 7 p.m.

LaVerne Jack, son of Wilbur and Abbie Speas Jack, was born Jan. 30, 1942, in Montezuma. He grew up working in the family farming operation and attended country school, then was part of the class of 1960 which was the first class to attend the brand new high school building in Montezuma. Upon graduation he continued to farm with his father. With the lessons he learned during his time there, he bragged about being a graduate of "Ewart University."

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In September of 2009, LaVerne moved to Missouri where he met Christa Aldana, who he married on Dec. 12, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Christa Jack; two daughters, LaRayne Jack of Des Moines and Heather Fuson of Granger; one step daughter, Tara Aldana; a brother, Keith Jack of Montezuma; two sisters, Karon Johnson and Kathy Little, both of Montezuma; and four grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

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