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**DENNIS RAY MELDREM**

8-22-2013

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24, 1946, in Montezuma. He grew up on the farm, instilling the values of hard work and dedication along the way. Denny attended Tri-County Community Schools and graduated in 1964. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country bravely through Vietnam. Upon returning home, he married Joyce Purvis on February 22, 1969, in Guernsey. From this date on, they began their lifelong journey together. Through thick and thin, the highs and the lows, they never left each other's side.

Denny spent 43 years of his life working for Bushong Construction. While not working, Denny spent his time in the company of family and friends. He enjoyed golfing, camping, attending the Iowa State Fair, and playing cards. He was an avid supporter of his grandkids' sports activities and loved taking Giz on golf cart rides. Denny was a member of the Deep River American Legion and the Deep River Volunteer Fire Department, both of which he was active in for many years.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents.

Left to cherish Denny's memory are his wife, Joyce Meldrem of Deep River; his son Troy (Beth) Meldrem of Brooklyn; his daughters, Tami (Bob) Wilhelm of Deep River and Tonya (Brandon) Wanders of Deep River; his grandchildren, Tanner and Spencer Meldrem, Dillon and Eli Wilhelm, Keira Blanke and Kalynn Wanders; his sisters, Erma VerSteegt of Montezuma and Evelyn Davis of Grinnell; his brothers, Larry (Harriet) Meldrem of Wauke and Jack (Jane) Meldrem of Wardsville, MO, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends, and his best buddy, GIZMO.

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