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Church or to the Montezuma Country Club. Holland-Coble Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Loren Earl Roorda was born May 16, 1931, at Taintor. He spent his growing up years in the Mahaska, Jasper, Marion, and Poweshiek county areas before graduating from Lynnville High School in 1948. Loren served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, becoming a staff sergeant. Upon his return home he began farming and did custom farm work in the area. On August 21, 1959, Loren married Arlene VerPloeg from Pella.

From an early age, Loren had a passion for farming. He was interested in and implemented soil conservation measures and served as a Poweshiek County soil commissioner. He enjoyed feeding cattle and belonged to the cattlemen's associations. Loren spent much time in the farm shop, creating solutions to improve farm operations or items requested by his family.

Over the years, Loren enjoyed fast-pitch softball, bowling, and especially golf. He spent some free time reading farm magazines, newspapers, and books. He was an active member of his church; belonged to the Montezuma Lions Club, and served on the Montezuma Community School Board. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren's activities, and spending time with family and friends.

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Cherishing his memory are his wife, Arlene; his children, Brenda (Keith) VanderLinden of Grand Rapids, Mich., Beth (Jim) Cole of Wichita, Kan., Brian (Liesl) Roorda of Montezuma, and Benae (Tom) Duff of Urbandale; his grandchildren, Lukas and Christian VanderLinden, Adam, Alex, Andy, Alyssa, Aubrey, and Ashton Cole; Spencer, Sidney, Waverly and Isabella Roorda, and Nicole; Joshua, and Lindsey Duff; siblings, Joyce Stone, Barb Foster, Norman Roorda, Patricia Davis, Elmer Roorda, Marge Clayton, Virgil Roorda, Sharon Fowler, Linda Mason, Lyle Roorda, and Bruce Roorda; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

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