

OBITUARIES

MONTEZUMA RESIDENT

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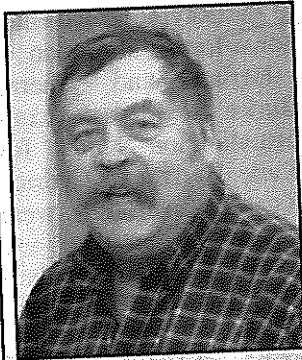
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He is survived by three brothers, James Wilcox of Deep River, Leigh (Barbara) Wilcox of Des Moines and Daniel (Elaine) Wilcox Johnson City, Tenn.

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