

Marvin Larry Van Roekel **Dec. 5, 1942 - Mar. 4, 2020**

Marvin L. Van Roekel, age 77 of Montezuma, died on Wednesday, Mar. 4, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center with his family by his side.



A celebration of his life was held Monday, Mar. 9, at Community Hope Church in Montezuma. A memorial gathering followed the service in the fellowship hall of the church from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Marvin L. Van Roekel Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Marvin Larry Van Roekel was born the son of Harry and Maggie (Gezel) Van Roekel on Dec. 5, 1942 in Monroe. He was raised on the family farm near Montezuma and graduated from Montezuma High School in 1961.

Marvin was united in marriage to Georgia Seuss on May 22, 1964 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell. They raised their three children on the family farm near Montezuma.

Marvin was later married to Denise Hansen on November 29, 1985 and they continued to live on the family farm until 2019, when they moved to Montezuma. Marvin farmed most of his life and had also worked for Poweshiek County and Vermeer in Pella. Marvin and Denise enjoyed trail riding on horseback and later traded their horses for a Polaris Ranger. Ev-

ery evening at 5:00 pm you could find Marvin and Denise going for a ride with their dog. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and tinkering on his tractors. They wintered in Arizona for the last five years and made many great friends they called their "Arizona family."

Marvin is survived by his wife of 34 years, Denise Van Roekel of Montezuma; three children, John (Debbie) Van Roekel of Montezuma, Teri (Brett) Johnson of Montezuma, and Crystal (Greg Rinderknecht) Van Roekel of Montezuma; 7 grandchildren, Tanner (Allie Vosburg) Van Roekel, Jamie (Nick) Nelson, Taylor (Jeremy Shores) Gregson, Kyle (Berina Delic) Van Roekel, Aaron (Rene) Wiegand, Melanie (Andy) Hargis, Rich (Michelle) Wiegand; 11 great grandchildren; sisters, Veldine Scott of Ottumwa and Rae Van Roekel of Montezuma; brother, Paul Van Roekel of Grinnell; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Betty Van Wyk-Bandstra, Floyd Van Roekel, John Van Roekel, and Dwight Van Roekel.

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