

Tom Sheets

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Thomas Bernard Sheets, 56, of New Sharon died Sunday morning, Jan. 24, 2021, at his home in New Sharon.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma, and was livestreamed at the Holland-Coble Facebook Page. Per his wish, his body was cremated following the service and a private family burial was held at Union Mills Cemetery near New Sharon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Shooting Sports, the Montezuma Fire Department or Pella Hospice. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

The son of Jerome and Margaleen Horras Sheets, he was born on Nov. 30, 1964, in Washington. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1983. Following high school, Tom attended Northeast Missouri State receiving his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1985. He married Billie Jo Schultz on Aug. 30, 1986, and they had two daughters, Kelsie and Kiegan. Tom started at the Milford Police Department in Milford, Iowa, for a few years

before joining the Spencer Police Department in Spencer, Iowa. He was with that department until July 1990 before joining the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Department. In November 2000, Tom was elected Poweshiek County Sheriff. On July 18, 2009, Tom married Mary Jo Steele in Lynnville. Tom retired from the sheriff's department in 2012 after serving 26 years in law enforcement. He then worked at Grinnell Regional Medical Center as the safety supervisor, and later worked for Terpstra Plumbing and Heating.

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and also the Deep River Fire Department while living in Deep River. He was also a trained EMT. Tom enjoyed golfing, trout fishing, hunting, camping, and was an excellent woodworker, and above all enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his young grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Sheets of New Sharon; his children, Kelsie Parton of Oskaloosa, Kiegan Watts of Montezuma, Brynna Vande Noord of Lynnville and Carly Steele of Tiffin; his two grandchildren; his parents, Jerome (Sarah) Sheets of Montezuma; his twin brother, Tim Sheets of Iowa City; his sister, Becky Dagle of Iowa City; and many other relatives and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Margaleen Sheets.

Obituaries

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Nov. 30, 1964 - Jan. 24, 2021

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Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. January 28, at Community Hope Church in Montezuma. Visitation will be after 12 p.m. January 27, at the Community Hope Church with the family present from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Shooting Sports, the Montezuma Fire Department or Pella Hospice. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

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He never knew a stranger and was known for his generosity and compassion for helping others. Tom's legacy will be honored by his wife, Mary Jo Sheets of New Sharon; his children, Kelsie (Ryan)

Parton of Oskaloosa, Kiegan (Colin) Watts of Montezuma, Brynna (Jake) Vande Noord of Lynnville and Carly Steele of Tiffin; his two grandchildren, Maverick Watts and Lauren Vande Noord; his parents, Jerome (Sarah) Sheets of Montezuma; his twin brother, Tim Sheets of Iowa City; his sister, Becky (John) Dagle of Iowa City; his mother-in-law, Dorothea Wanders and many other relatives and friends. Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Margaleen Sheets and father-in-law, Dwight Wanders.

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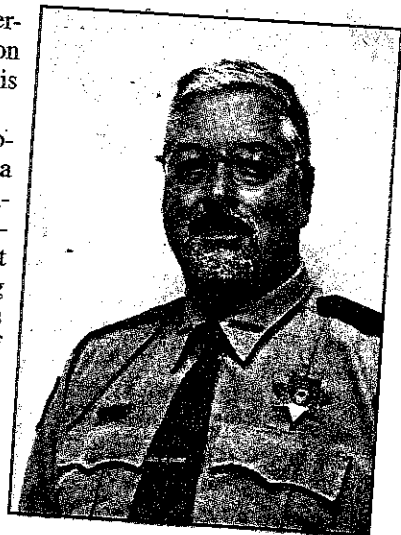
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