

GARY FREEMAN

Nov. 1, 1940 - Dec. 18, 2021

Gary Freeman, 81 of Montezuma passed away December 18, at Brooklyn Community Estates in Brooklyn. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Gary Lynn Freeman, son of Everett Freeman and Dorothy (Tubbs) Freeman Groves, was born November 1, 1940 in Anamosa.

He was graduated from Oskaloosa High School and then attended William Penn University, where he played football until he had an injury.

Gary was married to Karen Davis in 1959. To this union three children were born, Tammy, Jeff and Tom. They were later divorced. Gary was a contractor and a very talented builder. He owned and operated his own construction company in Oskaloosa before moving to Phoenix, AZ in 1978 where he took a job with the Cartwright School district as the head of building and maintenance.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved life on the water. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and hunting in his younger years.

Gary's legacy will be honored by his children, Tammy (Tom) Petersen of Montezuma and Jeff (Beckie) Freeman of Montezuma; five grandchildren, Travis (Danielle) Freeman, Heather Freeman, Molly Freeman, Luke Freeman and Courtney Petersen along with several great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everett Freeman; mother and step father, Dorothy (John) Groves; a brother, Roger Freeman; a son, Tom Freeman and a step brother, Ike Groves.

He drove truck for over 40 years and would still be driving if his health allowed. He was an avid football fan and loved to watch the Dallas Cowboys and Iowa Hawkeyes.

He enjoyed watching John Wayne movies, hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting and the Texas Rangers. Moe loved his family.

His pride and joy were his five grandchildren and he was absolutely adored by his nieces and nephews. Moe was a lifetime member of the NRA.

His memory will be honored by his wife, Denise of New Sharon; his daughters, April Woods of Fort Worth, TX and Jayne Sanders of New Sharon; his five grandchildren, Aiden Woods, Caitlyn Sanders, Ethan Woods, Courtney Sanders and Caylee Sanders; two siblings and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents.