

**DENNIS LEE
JOHNSTON**

Sept. 16, 1943 - Aug. 19, 2021



Dennis Johnston, 77, of Montezuma passed away peacefully August 19, in the home he helped build on property his family had owned his entire life. Services were August 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Montezuma United Methodist Church, Montezuma.

Burial was held in Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma. Memorials may be directed to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department, the Blakey-Stevens American Legion Post 169 or the Poweshiek County Masonic Lodge. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Lee Johnston, son of Emmett and Mary Phyllis (Wilson) Johnston was born September 16, 1943 in Montezuma. He was graduated from Montezuma High School in 1961. Denny attended the State College of Iowa (UNI) for one year before transferring to Ottumwa Tech (Indiana Hills) graduating with an electronics degree. Denny married Sally McClain on November 6, 1965 at the Deep River Methodist Church and to this union two children were born, Michael and Wendy. He spent six months of active duty in the Army National Guard at Fort Knox in Kentucky. Following his honorable discharge in 1965, they moved to Burlington where he worked for National Cash Register (NCR) in sales. In 1968, they moved to Mineral Wells, Texas where he worked for Electra-Midland for a short time before moving back to Montezuma buy-

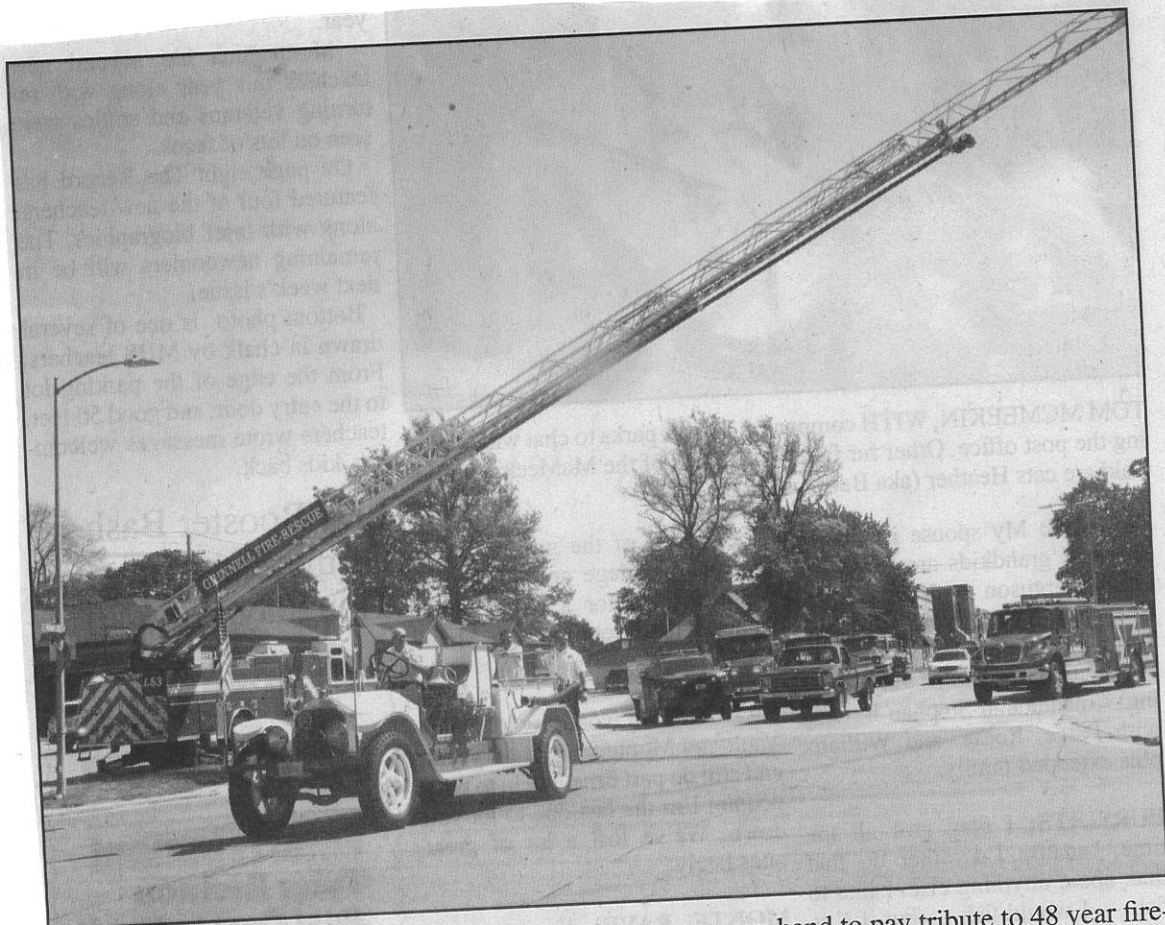
ing part of Frank Bryan's Electronics and Appliance Store.

They sold this business and Denny began working at Montezuma Manufacturing where he was a shift supervisor before working his way up to the corporate office. He semi-retired in 2001 and kept busy selling grain bins, working for Poe Construction and working at Montezuma Community School.

Denny loved his family and never missed any activity they were involved in while growing up.

He loved going for rides around town, golf, fishing trips, racing stock cars, making horseradish with his friends, and yard work. He was a great salesman and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Johnston of Montezuma; his children, Michael (Brenda) Johnston of Montezuma, Wendy (Mike) Geiger of Deep River; his grandchildren, Connor (Mattie Dillon) Johnston, Colleen Johnston, Tyler (Kenadie) Geiger, Tessa (Cole Watts) Geiger and Tod Geiger; his sister, Diana (Dan) Dawley of Montezuma, nieces and nephews, Jon (Laurie) Dawley, Jennifer (Pat) Lacy, Robin (John) Mann, Heidi (Dan) Thompson, Paula Henkle, and many other relatives and friends.



FIREMEN AND FIRETRUCKS From all area towns were on hand to pay tribute to 48 year fireman Dennis Johnston following his funeral on Tuesday, August 24. Montezuma's 1924 American La France firetruck led the long processional down Main Street on it's way to the Jackson Township Cemetery.

Photo by Roger Allen

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