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Scott Christensen, 66

Scott Christensen, 66, of Montezuma died Monday, Dec. 30, 2008, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. As Scott requested, his body has been cremated.



George Scott Christensen, son of George and Constance (Pierce) Christensen was born Nov. 8, 1942 in Owatonna, Minn. In 1952, Scott designed and built his first model airplane. After high school, college and the Air Force, Scott went to work for Fairchild Semiconductor in Mountain View, Calif., in 1965. It was in the San Francisco Bay Area that Scott joined the Pioneer Radio Control Club and began flying radio control model aircraft as a full-time hobby. In 1976, he received an offer to work as a designer engineer for Airtronics, a well-known and highly respected kit manufacturer in Santa Ana, Calif. Over the years, Scott designed several different model airplanes.

Scott received an offer from Sid Axlerod to become the Vice President of Top Flite Models Inc. in Chicago in 1979. He moved his family from California to Chicago and began work with Top Flite Models Inc. in the early 1980s. He worked for them for 11 years. In 1991, Scott received an offer to work for Joel Davis, owner and president of International Hobbycraft Co. (IHC) in Northbrook, Ill. Some of Scott's opportunities as Vice President of IHC was to be able to literally travel the world, meeting and working with some of the finest hobby distributors in virtually every viable market on the globe.

But being an active modeler, Scott still wanted to design and create models and he missed that a great deal. In 1999, he received yet another offer of employment. This offer came from SIG Manufacturing in Montezuma. SIG was looking for someone to run their Research and Development (R&D) department. Scott became SIG's Vice President of R&D, a position that he still held today.

Scott enjoyed golfing, traveling, classic cars, being around his family; especially his wife, Marcia; surfing in his younger years, serving his country with the United States Air Force and of course, building model airplanes.

Scott's memory is honored by his wife, Marcia, of Montezuma; his daughter, Amanda (Geoff) Boushey of San Francisco, Calif.; his son, Matthew Christensen of Montezuma; his mother, Constance Beitz of Gilbert, Ariz.; his sister, Nicki (John) Hansberry of Chandler, Ariz.; and his grandson, Miles Boushey of San Francisco, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Christensen; his grandmother, Alyce Peterson and his step father, Edward Bietz.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), 5161 E. Memorial Dr. Muncie IN 47302. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at hollandcoblefuneralhome.com.