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Westover Funeral Home in Des Moines is in charge of arrangements.

At his request, the body was cremated. Michael was a member of both Montezuma United Methodist Church and Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines.

Michael was born on July 5, 1950, the second of six children to Shirley and Raymond Gregory in Montezuma. He was a 1968 graduate of Montezuma High School and an Army veteran of the Vietnam era. Michael resided briefly in Marshalltown, Cedar Rapids, and Iowa City before moving to Des Moines in 1979. He had worked at Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service since 1998 preceded by employment at Business Publications Inc. and United Federal Savings Bank. Michael had also worked part-time for 20 years at the Walgreen's store on Ingersoll Avenue in Des Moines.

Michael always had many "projects" going and dearly loved his home in Beaverdale, flower gardening, and traveling. He was an excellent cook, having learned that skill from his mother and grandmother that were school cooks.

Michael is survived by his sister Cyndy (Dale) Crider of Wilmette, Ill., and by brothers Tom (Deb) of Montezuma, Fred (Jennifer) of Rembert, S.C., Chris of Waterloo, Jeff of Urbandale, and several nieces and nephews. Michael will also be fondly remembered by his partner of 27 years, John Tompkins, of Des Moines, and his two Siamese cats.

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