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## Gilbert A. Schlesselman, 63

Gilbert A. Schlesselman, 63, of Ottumwa, died April 2, 2009, at his home. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 6, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial was at the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Friends may give condolences at [www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com](http://www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com).



Gilbert A. Schlesselman was born the son of Martin and Martha Schmidt Schlesselman on Aug. 30, 1945, in Montezuma. He was a 1963 graduate of the Deep River High School. Gilbert attended Grinnell Community College before transferring to the International Harvester Trade School in Omaha, Neb. Gilbert was previously married to Judith Innis, and they had four children: Rhonda, Robert, Raymond and Regina. He then returned home where he worked at the International Harvester dealership in Montezuma. In 1974, while farming in the Deep River area, Gilbert opened the Ag Tech Service business which he owned and operated for thirty years before retiring. He enjoyed his job as an ag mechanic, camping, fishing, line dancing and tinkering. He attended the Lutheran Church in Deep River for several years and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Inc. 114, in Ottumwa.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Gilbert is survived by his wife, Gail Floyd; two daughters: Rhonda (Shannon) Zimmerman and Regina Keaton, both of Zimmerman, Minn.; two sons: Robert (Heidi) Schlesselman of Deep River, and Raymond (Tara) Schlesselman of Williamsburg; two brothers: Lavern Schlesselman of Deep River, and Cecil Schlesselman of Urbandale; one sister, Darlene (Robert) Peck of Tipton. Gilbert was also blessed with eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.