

Curt Elness

Curt Raymond Elness, 55, of rural Montezuma died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home Friday, Feb. 27.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at the Watts Funeral Home. There was no visitation.

He was born Sept. 19, 1942, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Thomas and Thelma Eckrem Elness. He was a graduate of Vallejo High School in California and from California State University at Sacramento.

Mr. Elness served with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam war and also was in the Navy Reserves for 32 years, retiring as a captain. While serving he received the Naval Commendation Medal.

He was a life member of the Eagle Scout Association. He had been a resident of the Montezuma area since 1995 and was employed at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co. in Grinnell as workman's compensation claims manager.

Surviving is a son, Erik of Brentwood, Calif.