

William Honecker, 55

William "Bill" Mark Honecker, 55, died March 18, 1999 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. of complications of pneumonia.

He was a resident of rural Wasioja near Dodge Center, Minn.

Services were March 22 at Urland Lutheran Church with Pastor Scott McLaughlin officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at a later date at Sheeley Cemetery in rural Montezuma at the family farm.

Mr. Honecker was born in Minneapolis Oct. 27, 1943 to Frank and Mary (Miles) Honecker. At age 12, he became the foster child of Ed and Clara Esterby of rural Wanamingo, Minn. He graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1965 and served in the Army National Guard from June 1962 through April 1970. He also worked in the Wanamingo area for the Bombay Elevator.

On Oct. 19, 1969, he married Diane Galbraith in Montezuma. She is the daughter of the late Lester and Merna Sue Galbraith of Montezuma. The couple had three children, which they raised in

Wasioja.

Mr. Honecker was a bus driver for RSB Coaches in Rochester. Most recently he was a milk hauler for Hernke Transfer in Cannon Falls, Minn.

He became ill in January 1999.

Mr. Honecker was a member of the Urland Lutheran Church of rural Cannon Falls, the Kasson American Legion Post and a supporter of the Lowell Lundstrom Ministry and Crystal Cathedral Ministries.

He enjoyed toy-collecting and a fascination with airplanes, which took him and his wife, who was a stewardess for Ozark, on a flight to St. Louis in 1968.

He was preceded in death by his father, one sister and his foster father.

Survivors are his wife, Diane of Montezuma, who lives at the Galbraith farm which they recently purchased; three children, Mark of Wasioja, Avin of Winona, Minn. and her fiancé, Brad Sherman and Aaron, a graduate student at Ames; his mother, Mary; foster mother, Clara Esterby; brother, David and twin sisters, Jeanne Worley and Jayne Kastiro.

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