

Mel Huffaker

Mel Huffaker, 74, of Montezuma died Thursday, March 30, at his home. The death has been ruled a suicide.

A graveside service was conducted Thursday at Powers-Warren Cemetery near Runnels. Westover Funeral Home of Des Moines was in charge of arrangements.

He was born in Lodgepole, Neb., and worked as a shipping clerk at AMF Western Tool in Des Moines, retiring in 1980. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, having served during World War II.

He had been a resident of Montezuma for the past four months.

Mr. Huffaker is survived by one son, David of Bettendorf; one daughter, Jody Rains of Urbandale; a sister, Leila Miller of Carlisle; and a brother, Edward of San Clemente, Calif.

His wife, Ethel Miller Huffaker, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Izaak Walton League.

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