

David W. Mathes, 51

David Wallace Mathes, 51, of Montezuma, died Sunday, July 21 of a motorcycle accident southeast of Montezuma.

His funeral service was held Friday, July 26, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. Burr Bryant officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Casket bearers were Michael Mathes, Matthew Mathes, Jon W. Mathes, Dan Lucas, Chad Moore and Kyle Feusner.

Honorary casket bearer was Freddie Ochoa.

Dave was born June 27, 1951, at Morganfield, Ky., the son of Wally and Shirley (Blome) Mathes. He graduated from Montezuma Community High School in 1969, and attended Indian Hills Community College at Ottumwa, and Des Moines Area Community College at Ankeny.

In 1974, he was united in marriage with Denise Hansen. They lived at Montezuma, and were divorced ten years later. He had been working for Poe Construction and was currently working for R & L Sanitation, both of Montezuma.

David is survived by his parents, Wally and Shirley Mathes of Montezuma; three



sisters, Connie Mathes of Montezuma; Cathie (& Hector) Ochoa of Harrisonburg, Va.; and Carol Mathes of Montezuma; one brother, Jon Mathes of Pella; his grandmother, Carolyn Blome of Grinnell; several aunts and uncles, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Dave was preceded in death by his brother, Kim, on June 5, 1999.

The David Mathes Memorial has been established.

Montezuma man dies in apparent rural accident

The body of a Montezuma man was found Monday evening on the Barnes City Road.

According to the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office, David W. Mathes, 53, apparently died in a single-vehicle accident while riding his motorcycle. The motorcycle was found in the ditch near the body.

Family members reported Mathes missing earlier in the day. He had last been seen during the early-morning hours of Sunday in Barnes City, authorities said.

Taking part in the search were the sheriff's department, the Iowa State Patrol and the Civil Air Patrol. The body was spotted from the air.

Investigation was continuing at midday.

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