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Melvin Arendt Jr., 64

Funeral services are pending for Melvin Arendt Jr., of Montezuma, who died Sunday, July 4, 2004 at the Veteran's

hospital in Iowa City.

Watts Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Melvin (Mel) L. Arendt Jr., 64

Melvin (Mel) L. Arendt, Jr., 64, of Montezuma, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iowa City.

His funeral service was Thursday, July 8, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. Joann Hary of the United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Jackson Township Cemetery, Montezuma.

Casket bearers were David Arendt, Mark Bolen, Michael Arendt, Brad Arendt, Jamie Arendt, Bill Bolen and Mike Arendt.

Mel was born July 11, 1939, at Oskaloosa, the son of Melvin L. and Dolores J (Farmer) Arendt. He graduated from Montezuma Community High School in 1957 and Drake University in 1961. He entered the U.S. Air Force and became a Second Lieutenant while stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev., where he was trained in computers. He was united in marriage with Miriam R. Rodman and they had one adopted son, Michael Lance

Arendt, born May 6, 1972. They were later divorced. After the service, he worked for General Electric, Honeywell, and Tandem Computers in computer sales and marketing. He spent most of his life in California, but traveled throughout the world with his job. He moved to South Bend, Ind., about six years ago and became a Notre Dame fan. In September 2003, he returned to Montezuma and became a Monte Braves and Iowa Hawkeye fan. During the last two months of his life, he started slipping away and now he is resting in peace with the Lord.

Mel is survived by his son, Michael Lance Arendt, of California; two brothers, Richard (and Leta) Arendt of Montezuma, and Jim (and Sally) Arendt of Sunset Beach, N.C.; one sister, Shirley (and Bill) Bolen of Montezuma, two nieces and five nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Memorials in his name may be directed to Dollars for Scholars or the Montezuma Athletic Department.

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