Wayne A. Rhinehart, 75

Wayne Albert Rhinehart, 75, of Longmont, Colo., died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002, at his home.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to New Hope Village, East 18th St., Carroll, Iowa 51401.

Mr. Rhinehart was born Dec. 26, 1926, the eighth child of Walter Baxter and Mary (Werner) Rhinehart in rural Brooklyn. He lived on the family farm and attended country school until his family moved to Brooklyn when he was 12. He graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1944.

Mr. Rhinehart joined the U.S. Navy, where he taught electronics to recruits while stationed in Chicago and Gulf Port, Miss., from 1944-46. He graduated in 1950 from Iowa State University with a degree in electrical engineering.

On Aug. 13, 1950, he married Janice Marily Cronk. He worked for 26 years at the Ames Lab of the Atomic Energy Commission and later opened a communications store in Ames and wrote computer software for small businesses.

In August 2000, Wayne and Janice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Mr. Rhinehart was active in working for the betterment of children with disabilities. He helped start and administer Hope Preschool and the Development Center in the 1960s in Ames.

The couple moved in 1994 to Lake Panorama near Panora, where they enjoyed many lake activities and new friends. In November 2001, they moved to Longmont, Colo., to be close to their daughters.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; two daughters, Diane (and Kevin) Birks of Littleton, Colo., and Jodi (and Jerry) Rueschhoff of Morrison, Colo.; a brother Clarence (and Helen) Rhinehart of Brooklyn; nieces and nephews.

Mr. Rhinehart was preceded in death by his son, David; his parents; sisters, Evelyn and Irene; and brothers Leo, John, Ray and Kenneth.