Neal McMahon, 74 of Newton, formerly of Sully and Missouri, died Friday, October 9, 2009, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

No local services are planned, but the family welcomes people to visit them at their home.

The family will greet friends from 12-2 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at Greenlawn Funeral Home in Branson, Missouri.

Burial will be held at Mountain Grove Cemetery in rural Branson, Missouri.

Memorials in Neal’s name may be left at the funeral home.

Neal McMahon was born June 16, 1935 in rural Branson, MO, to Charles Walter and Serolda Bernice (McClary) McMahon. He grew up in Branson and had lived in several other locations in Missouri. He moved to Sully in 1991 and to Newton in 2007.

Neal was united in marriage to Jane Higginbotham on November 16, 1955 in Warrensburg, MO.

Neal graduated from Springfield High School in 1953. He then attended Southwest Missouri State for 3 years.

Neal worked for the United Telephone Company, now known as Sprint, as an Outside Plant Engineer for many years, retiring in July 1991.

He was a former member of the Masonic Lodge.

Neal loved football and his St. Louis Cardinals. He took great pride and enjoyed working in his yard. Neal will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and his overwhelming generosity for his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife Jane McMahon of Newton, four daughters, Sherry Phillips of Springfield, MO, “Charlie” (Brad) Rockwell of Salt Lake City, UT, Denise McMahon of Cedar Creek, MO and Erinn (Todd) Dickinson of Eldora, IA, five grandchildren, Shane (Jamie) Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Jonathan Gugliotta, Tyler Rockwell, and Morgan Rockwell, two great-grandchildren, Eric Johnson and Madison Johnson, four brothers, Walter (Stella) McMahon of Richland, MO, David (Sue) McMahon of Mt. Zion, IL, Franklin (Ann) McMahon of Branson, MO, Gene (Kay) McMahon of Rogersville, MO, one sister, Frances (Dan) Ford of Irving, TX and many nieces and nephews.

Neal is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Alta Selsor; and brother, John McMahon.