Leroy Paul Schneider

Leroy Paul Schneider of Waukee, IA (formerly of Grinnell, IA) died on January 2, 2010, at home after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Leroy was born on September 2, 1937, near Fairbank, IA, to Paul and Lydia (Leistikow) Schneider. He graduated from Oran High School in Oran, IA in 1955. In 1959, he graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. He received his Masters Degree from Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville, MO in 1965.

Leroy taught science in Milwaukee, WI for three years. After moving to Grinnell in 1962, he taught science in the Grinnell School Systems until retiring in June 2002. During his tenure he received multiple teaching awards.

Leroy loved watching all activities that the children and grandchildren participated in. He was a diehard Green Bay Packers and Iowa Hawkeye fan. He enjoyed reading and playing games on the computer. Leroy and Betty enjoyed daily walks in the park and were frequent travelers throughout the U.S.

He married Betty Ann Basche on June 26, 1960 in Worthington, MN. He is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waukee, IA.

Survivors include his wife Betty; daughter Sue (Rex) Thompson and their children Christina and Ryan of Newton, IA; son Keith (Jil) and their children Nicholas, Nathan, and Mikayla of Clive, IA; son Rod (Carrie) and their children Jordyn, Trevor, and Kayla of Superior, CO; and son Jerry (Tammy) and their children McHale, Tanner, and Cali of Roswell, GA. He also survived by his sister Glenyce Scherer of Minnetonka, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation — Monday, January 4, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ernst Funeral Home in Waukee.

Celebration of Life Service — Tuesday, January 5, 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waukee.

Memorial service — Tuesday, January 5, 4:00 p.m. at the Grinnell High School auditorium in Grinnell, IA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Grinnell Dollars for Scholars, C/O Betty Schneider, 803 SE Williams Ct., Waukee, IA 50263.