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Richard A. "Dick" Slaymaker, 76, of Lynnville, and formerly of Iowa County, died May 22, 2011, in Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with the Rev. Joe Barnes and Chaplain Susan Sanning officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriigel and vocalist Angie Hawkins. Honorary bearers were Dan "Captain" Burck, Ron Hummer, Paul Kuesel, Grant Rooda, Tom Shepherd, and Mike Wentland. Burial will be held at a later date at Pilot Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Lynnville Historical Society, Lynnville Library, and Mayflower Community Memorial Garden.

Dick was born April 17, 1935, in rural Marengo, the son of Arnold and Katherine "Lucille" Thomas Slaymaker. He was raised in the Williamsburg area and was a 1953 graduate of Williamsburg High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served with the Navy reserves.

In 1959, he was united in marriage with Sharon Kuhlke in Conroy and the couple had one son, Stuart. They were later divorced. On April 7, 1972, he was united in marriage to Colleen "Nicky" Hanson in Victor and they had a daughter, Paige.

He lived in Iowa County most of his life and was employed at Amana Refrigeration, M & N Grain, Kinze Manufacturing, and for 20 years with Hummer Trucking Company. He moved to Lynnville in 2007. He was a Boy Scout leader while living in Williamsburg and a volunteer fireman with the city of Millersburg.

Dick enjoyed driving (estimated over a million miles), fixing things, cooking, and reading, as well as time spent in nature - being in the outdoors, camping, and picking berries in the wild to make jelly and jam.

He is survived by his wife, Colleen "Nicky" Slaymaker of Lynnville; two children, Stuart Slaymaker of Cedar Rapids and Paige Carlson of Searsboro; one brother, Tom Slaymaker of Williamsburg; one sister, Nancy Roberts of Williamsburg; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandchild, and a nephew.

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Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

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