Chester Allan Arthur, 62

Chester Allan Arthur, 62, of New Sharon passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at his home in rural New Sharon. Memorial services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 9, at the Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon. Inurnment was held in the Stewart Cemetery in rural New Sharon. Memorials may be made directed to the Stewart Cemetery. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hardenfuneralhomes.com. Harden Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Chester Allan Arthur, the son of William and Lola (Piersel) Arthur, was born on July 22, 1949 in Oskaloosa. Allan graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School in 1967. He attended Indian Hills Community College and Northeast Missouri State before enlisting in the United States Army in 1971. In June of 1974, Allan was honorably discharged. Allan worked for the United States Postal Service in Des Moines as an engineer for 27 years before retiring in 2009. Allan enjoyed gardening, his dogs, reading, car report magazines to stay current on his mechanical knowledge and above all fish.

Allan is survived by his son, Nathan (Theresa) Arthur of Barnes City; three grandchildren, Katelynn, Corwin and Jordan; his parents, William and Lola Arthur of New Sharon; two brothers, William Arthur Jr. of Pleasant Hill and Dennis Arthur of Searsboro; and two nephews; Andrew Arthur and Jim (Belinda) Arthur and children, Kei Arthur and Ash Arthur.