Clarence "Bud" Arment, 79, of Columbus, Neb., and formerly from this area, died at his home surrounded by family on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Columbus with Pastor Dusty Sprague officiating. Interment will be in Rose-lawn Memorial Cemetery with military honors by The American Legion Hartman Post 84 Honor Guard. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be given to the First United Methodist Church or the Columbus Community Hospital Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.gasshaney.com.

Bud married Janice Wiseman on Sept. 16, 1956, in Gilman, and they raised four children in Columbus. Bud owned and operated Bucks Shoes in downtown Columbus for 14 years. He was an active member of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post #84, the Columbus Jaycees, and the Columbus Elks Club. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. From 1976 to 1978 Bud served as the chairman of the Nebraska Grand National Mixed Bag Hunt, hosting nationally known personalities in Columbus.

Bud and Jan moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 1987 where he worked for Avnet Corporation, retiring in 1999. Shortly after his retirement, they moved back to Columbus to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Bud enjoyed meeting friends for coffee, volunteering to help with the Columbus wrestling program and the Legion baseball leagues, and was an avid hunter who also enjoyed fishing which took him on numerous fishing trips to Canada.

He is survived by his wife Jan of Columbus, Neb.; his children Kelly Hart of Los Angeles, Calif., Brent Arment of Polk City, Ken Arment of Millard, Neb., and Jason Arment of Moville; 11 grandchildren; a brother Harold Arment of Shawnee, Kan., and two sisters, Doris Gray of Mesa, Ariz., and Lucile Garbison of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents.