Russell E. Grout

Russell E. Grout, 63 of Marengo, died Aug. 3, in a semi-truck accident seven miles east of Grinnell. Services were Aug. 8, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Marengo. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Marengo with military honors.

Russell Earl Grout was born June 5, 1949 in Iowa City, the son of Earl Burton Grout and Dorotha Laverne Smalley Grout. He attended Riverside schools and was graduated from Mid-Prairie High School in 1967.

Russell served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1968-1974. He attended trade school for training in mechanics. Most recently, he was employed as a truck driver for Manatt's Inc, Brooklyn.

Russell married Karen Kay Kasper on June 4, 1977 at the Kalona United Methodist Church, Kalona.

He is survived by his wife Karen; two daughters, Rhonda Pudil (Robert) of Iowa City, and Gretchen Kochuyt (Jon) of Marengo; two step-grandchildren, Zach and Ashley Kochuyt; a sister Rita Wenger (John) of Sarcoxie, Mo. Russell was preceded in death by his parents, and a niece Victoria Wenger.

Russell enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed calling bingo at the American Legion Hall in Marengo. A highlight of his year was playing Santa Claus during the Christmas season. He was vice-commander of Marengo American Legion Post #76. He was a member, of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Marengo. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Marengo, with military honors.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, from 3 to 8 p.m., with a scripture service at 3:30 p.m. and a Knights of Columbus Service at 7:30 a.m. A memorial fund has been established.