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Mark was born on Aug. 9, 1956, at Oelwein, to Glenn and Jeannie Belden Morarie. He was raised in Central City, and graduated from Central City High School with the Class of 1974. Following high school, he enrolled at Iowa State University and received a B.S. degree in botany and agronomy. After his education, he worked in the seed corn production business in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and Minnesota.

On Nov. 12, 1983, he was married to Julie Rash in Steamboat Rock. They had four children, and have lived in Brooklyn since 1993. He was employed for the Precision Soya Company of Belle Plaine at the time of his death.

Mark enjoyed gardening, mushroom hunting, deer hunting, attending auto races and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Morarie of Brooklyn; his children, Kevin Thomas Morarie of Newton, Sarah Anne Morarie of Hudson, Alexander Michael Morarie of Brooklyn, and Catherine Elizabeth Morarie of Fayette; his father, Glenn Morarie of Cedar Rapids; and five brothers, Arnold Morarie of Stone City, Rick Morarie of Anamosa, Richard Morarie of Cedar Rapids, Steve Morarie of Central City, and Randy Morarie of Ashville, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Michael.