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**FRANCIS VANDER LINDEN**

Francis Vander Linden, 75 of New Sharon died Aug. 21, at his home. Services were Aug. 25, at Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Interment was at Union Mills Cemetery.

Francis Carroll Vander Linden was born in Oskaloosa, Sept. 18, 1936 to John L. and Marian A. (Ellis) Vander Linden. He worked at Oskaloosa Clay Products in Oskaloosa following his high school graduation from Montezuma with the class of 1954.

Francis married Janice Van Baalen on May 19, 1957 at New Sharon. He then farmed south of Grinnell for a few years. Francis worked at McNally's Super Valu and Grinnell Reinsurance in Grinnell.

In 1965, he purchased a printing company in Muscatine and later acquired part interest in Joway Record. He joined the Fire Department and was later made captain and served for 22 years. He retired in 1993 and moved back to New Sharon on the home place where he worked part-time at Brownells Inc.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Bonnie Noah and a sister in infancy, Ida Marie Vander Linden.

Francis is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janice, and his children Mark (Margaret) Vander Linden of Reno, Nev, Diane (Guy Skinner) of Weaverville, NC, and Douglas (Tibe) Vander Linden of Muscatine; and six grandchildren, three step grand-children, nieces, nephews and a special brother in law Roger (Linda Foster) Van Baalen.