Emerald A. Fisher III, 75

Emerald A. Fisher III, 75, of Cedar Rapids, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008, at his home following a short illness. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, at the First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Tammy Buseth officiating. Cedar Memorial Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving to honor his memory are five children, Charles Fisher of Cedar Rapids, Mark (Larone) Fisher of Newhall, Wendy Fisher of Cedar Rapids, Michael (Faith) Fisher of Oskaloosa, and Crystal (Gary) Kerr of Marion; six grandchildren, Janis, Krista, Allison, Veronica, Caleb, and Deborah Jean; five great-grandchildren, Michael, Dalton, Cody, Levi, and Breanna; and three nieces, Judy Kingsbury and Wendy Lynn Furbay both of Mesa, Ariz., and Kathy Blythe of Snyder, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a brother, Virgil Fisher; a sister, Marjorie Furbay; and a niece, Janet Zerr.

Emerald was born Oct. 20, 1932, in Stanwood, to Emerald A. Fisher II, and Fern Hegarty Fisher. He married Barbara Jean Pecheron Sept. 7, 1953, in Brooklyn. She died Aug. 5, 2008. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, working on A-4 Skyhawks and A-7 Corsair II's attack aircraft, retiring in 1973, after 20 years of service. He worked for Universal Gym Equipment for several years. He was a member of First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, coin collecting, carpentry, and genealogy.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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