Norman A. Osland, 64, of 201 First Ave., No. 201, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, in Mercy Iowa City from a massive stroke. Services: 1 p.m. Sunday, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Iowa City, by the Rev. James Vrba. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service, Iowa City, where a vigil service begins at 6 p.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church.

Norman A. Osland was born June 22, 1936, in Grinnell, Iowa, the son of Marion and Esther Jantzen Osland. He was raised and educated in Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1954. He attended AIB in Des Moines. He was united in marriage to Betty A. DeVilder on May 31, 1958, in Brooklyn, Iowa. The couple made their home in Grinnell, where he worked for GTE Telephone. Norman later worked for Continental Telephone in Wentzville, Mo., Gardner, Kan., Knoxville, Iowa, and Norfolk, Neb. He was later president of the Nebraska Telephone Association in Lincoln, Neb. He and his wife purchased KMRN, an AM radio station in Cameron, Mo. He was the founder of KNOZ and was responsible for putting the station on the air. In October 1997, they sold the station and moved to Iowa City to be near family. He was employed in public relations for Latta, Harris, Hanon & Penningroth, LLP in Iowa City. He recently returned to the telephone industry working for McLeodUSA in Cedar Rapids.

Norman was known in the Des Moines area, where he worked closely with the legislature and the Public Service Commission. He was a member of the Iowa City Planning & Zoning Commission, Monday Morning Quarterback Club, Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce and St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, where he was a lector and Eucharistic minister. He had been active in various service club organizations in the communities which he lived.

Norman is survived by his wife, Betty of Iowa City; two sons, Marty Osland and wife Becky and their son, Alan and Scott Osland and wife Jean and their children, Paige and Madeleine, all of Iowa City; his daughters, Diane Crossett and husband Steven and their children, Camille and Caleb of Coralville; two sisters, Barbara York and husband Mel of Grinnell and Thelma Taylor of Federal Way, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Eleanor Osland of Grinnell, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Wilbur; a sister, Wilma; and an infant brother, Clifford.

Norm was a Hawkeye, enjoyed golf and loved his grandchildren.