Gene Meredith, 78, of Columbia, Mo., passed away August 29, 2013, at Boone Hospital Center.

Marshall Gene Meredith was born March 17, 1935, in Iowa City, Iowa, to Melvin Meredith and Merrilee Ponder Meredith. Gene and his loving wife, Lois, were married June 10, 1956, in Grinnell. She survives in their home in Columbia. Gene graduated from Searsboro High School in Searsboro, Iowa, in 1952. He went on to pursue a career in the telecommunications industry, where he worked with GTE, Contact Communications and Towner Communications. Gene retired from the telecommunications industry after 35 years of service. Gene served as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife attended the Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman, and really enjoyed a good game of golf. Gene always took great care of his family and was a wonderful friend to many; he will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Gene is survived by his wife Lois, of Columbia, Mo.; two children, Joni Zumwalt (husband Daniel), of Columbia, Mo., and Greg Meredith (wife Angela), of Jefferson City, Mo.; one brother Larry Meredith (wife Sharon), of Ankeny, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Katie Wheeler (husband Andy), of Columbia, Mo., Nathan Zumwalt, of Nashville, Tenn., Kristin Zumwalt, of Columbia, Mo., Meghan Meredith, of Rolla, Mo., Malinda Mathis (husband Kyle), of Chicago, Ill., Blake Meredith, of Jefferson City, Mo., and Morgan Meredith, of Jefferson City, Mo.; and one great-grandchild Elyane Knife, of Rolla, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as two brothers, Harold Meredith and Keith Meredith.

A visitation was held at Memorial Funeral Home Monday, September 2, 2013, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The funeral service took place Tuesday September 3, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to the Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church, 5350 E Bonne Femme Church Rd., Columbia, MO 65201.

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