Albert T. VanThournout Sr., 79

Albert T. VanThournout Sr., 79, Victor, died Thursday, April 10, 2014, at Rose Haven Nursing Home in Marengo from a short battle with cancer.

Services were Monday, April 14, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Belle Plaine with Deacon Joe Behounek officiating.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Victor with military rites by the Victor American Legion.

Albert was born to August and Florence VanWaus VanThournout on Sept. 4, 1934, in rural Victor. He attended Hartford No. 8 Country School. He helped his father with farming until he entered the Navy in 1954, and attained the rank of TM3 and served on the USS Tingey during the Korean Conflict. He was discharged in 1958. On Jan. 9, 1960, he married Elaine Novak at St. Michael's Church. They farmed near Brooklyn and Belle Plaine and then moved to the family farm near Victor in 1968. He worked at sale barns and most recently at the Marengo Publishing Company, retiring on June 1, 2007. Albert was a member of St. Michael's Church and the Victor American Legion. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, gardening, dancing, reading, and playing cards.

Albert is survived by his wife, Elaine; daughter, Annette VanThournout, Parnell; son, Albert Jr., Marengo; sisters, Teresa (Dean) Roudabush, Atkins, and Louise (Don) Miner, Lugerne; brothers, Julius (Ruth Ann), Texas, Mike, Van Horne, and Chuck (Kathy), Hartwick.

Albert was preceded in death by an infant son; parents; brother, Robert; and infant twin sisters, Mary and Margaret.

Casket bearers were Mike Miner, Matt Miner, Phillip Roudabush, Josh VanThournout, Craig VanThournout and Brian VanThournout.

A memorial fund has been established.

Hrabak Funeral Home, Belle Plaine, was in charge of arrangements.