Charles “Mike” Wentland, 76, of Hartwick passed away at his home on Friday, June 13, 2014.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor, with Rev. Brian Shepley officiating.

Visitation was from 2:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., on Monday, June 16, 2014, with the family present from 5:00 -7:30, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor. There was a rosary recited at 4:30 p.m., and a scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Victor.

Memorials may be directed to Camp Courageous, P.O. Box 418, Monticello, Iowa 52310 or the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347.

Mike was born on September 15, 1937, to John and Mildred Keefe Wentland in Grinnell. He was raised on the family farm south of Hartwick. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor and graduated from St. John’s Catholic School in Victor.

On September 14, 1963, he was united in marriage to Dixie Timm at St. Bridget Catholic Church. To this union three daughters and a son were born. Mike and his family continued to live on the farm where he was a self-employed farmer; he also held jobs in construction, driving trucks, and he was a co-owner of Stop N Sip Tap in Victor.

Mike enjoyed deer hunting every fall with his friends, and traveling throughout the United States where he visited 49 of our 50 states. Mike and Dixie would also go on many cruises. He enjoyed summer camp-outs and fireworks shows as it meant spending time with his family. He was an avid Hawkeye and NASCAR fan. Mike will be missed by all who knew him, and remembered for his passion of new Ford trucks.

Those left to cherish Mike’s memory are his wife of 50 years, Dixie; daughters Carla (Joel) Kelling of Grinnell, Carma Artzer of Victor, Cindy DeBrower of Victor, and son Michael (Shannon) Wentland of Omaha, Nebraska; sisters, Marcella Van Nevel of Belle Plaine and Kay (Wayland) Herzberg of Eugene Oregon; grandchildren, Justin Kelling, Jade Cooling, Randi, Reed, Cheyan and Tanner De Brower, and Amelia and Ruby Wentland; and sister-in-law, Elain Wentland of Altoona.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents; sisters Jo Anne Miller and Jeanne Van Nevel; brother, Johnny Wentland; son-in-law, Greg DeBrower, and granddaughter, Nicole Kelling.