Melvin Foubert, 74 of What Cheer, died Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. Funeral services were held Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer. Burial was in the McFarlan Cemetery at What Cheer. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.

Melvin Leroy Foubert was born in Millersburg, on December 18, 1940, the son of George and Beatrice Helm Foubert. After attending high school in Millersburg, Melvin was united in marriage to Karen Sue Martin on July 5, 1959, in Hayesville. In 1960, the couple moved to What Cheer and started a family. Over the years, Mel worked as a mechanic at Robinson Ford and Hemsley’s Chevrolet. Then in the late 60s, Melvin opened Mel’s Repair, which began in his garage at home. Later in 1984, Mel purchased the Champlin Station where he owned and operated a well respected business for over 30 years. Mel worked hard all day long every day but never forgot to enjoy life with his family. He was a loyal husband to his wife and a great father to his children. Mel loved camping, fishing, dancing, singing and even gardening. He also took pride coaching his sons and grandsons in both baseball and boxing. Mel will be remembered for his laid back, relaxed attitude and his ability to fix most anything.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers: Donald Foubert and Keith Foubert. Mel is survived by his wife Karen Foubert of What Cheer; a daughter, Donna (Bill) Bos of What Cheer; four sons: Rick Foubert of What Cheer, Mike (Rhonda) Foubert of Delta, Brian Foubert of What Cheer and Jeff (Tami) Foubert of Gibson; a brother, Doug (Audrey) Foubert of Deep River; three sisters: Carolyn Phippen of Atlantic, Sandra (Ken) Stoddard of Plattsmouth, Neb., and Joanne Robinson of Blue Springs, Mo.

He also leaves behind a legacy of nine grandchildren and a great-grandson, with one more on the way. Record 2-11-2015