John C. Gilliland, 77, of Marshalltown and formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at the University of Iowa Hospital with his family by his side.

Visitation was held Saturday, July 18, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for designation at a later time. For more information or to send a condolence please call 641-844-1234. Mitchell Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

John was born on Jan. 1, 1938, in Grinnell to Hugh and Mary Stull Gilliland. On Oct. 9, 1955, John was united in marriage with Tootie "Kari" Moyer and they had six children. John had worked at Wyss Produce, Lang Diary in Grinnell and Bruin Manufacturing for 40 years. He liked NASCAR and reading. When he was younger, he enjoyed trapping and hunting.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years Tootie; their children, Teresa Yuska of Blue Grass, Mark Gilliland of Montour, Julie Dimmitt of Texas, Janet Balster of Hiawatha, Jeff Gilliland of South Dakota and Cory of Texas; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and a sister, Rose Schokey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, one sister and one granddaughter.