WILLIAM BRUCE HUDSON

William Bruce (Bill) Hudson, 74 of Rolla, Missouri and formerly of New Sharon passed away Wednesday morning, August 26, 2015 in Rolla, Missouri. Memorial services were held Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in New Sharon. Burial was in the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or hospice. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Bill was the youngest son of William and Bertha (Osmond) Hudson born November 1, 1940 in Oskaloosa. He graduated in 1959 from Montezuma High School. He was in the US Army Reserve for six years. Bill enjoyed his class reunions and getting together with friends. His father died when he was 15, so he continued farming and going to high school. Eventually, Bill moved to town and drove trucks for several companies. He got his dream job in 1986 driving for Walmart in Mt. Pleasant. He transferred to the distribution center in Rolla, Missouri in 2001. Bill retired from Walmart in 2007 after 21 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Rolla.

Bill was united in marriage to Karen Rohlfing on August 24, 1963 in Malcom. They had two sons, Bill and Eric (Stacey) Hudson. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2013 with a trip to Niagara Falls, Boston and New York.

Bill loved racing - he drove for 15 years in the Midwest, sprint cars and stock cars. He enjoyed NASCAR, golf, country music, St. Louis Cardinals, football, and his grandchildren's sports. Family was important to him. He loved his sons, grandchildren Taylor, Blake and Katie and special daughter-in-law, Stacey.

He is survived by his wife Karen of 52 years and sons, Bill of Pella and Eric (Stacey) of Rolla, Missouri; grandchildren, Taylor Hudson of San Jose, California, Blake and Katie Hudson of Rolla, Missouri; sister-in-law, Alice Hudson of New Sharon; brother-in-law, John Gorsuch of Montezuma; and sister-in-law, Doris Snodgrass of Sully, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Wilma Duven and Barbara Gorsuch; and brother, David Hudson.

"Don't mourn my passing, had a wonderful full life and damn I had fun!"