John M. Shank, 61, formerly of the Kellogg/Grinnell area, died Friday Oct. 16, 2015, at Oakwood Specialty Care in Albia.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Please dress casual in memory of John. Memorials may be directed to the family. Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for John and his family. For condolences or questions please visit www.mitchellfh.com.

John M. Shank was born on Sept. 29, 1954, in Marshalltown, the son of Manly and Lois Arment Shank. John attended school in the Grinnell school district, graduating with the class of 1972. He served our county honorably in the United States Army for three years. He resided in the Kellogg/Grinnell area before moving to Albia. He worked for Swift for 11 years, then was a welder for Farmland until his retirement due to his health. He had belonged to a bowling league and the Moose Lodge, both in Marshalltown. He loved to bowl, fish, and hunt, shoot pool and watch old military shows.

He is survived by his children Todd Shank of Michigan, John Shank Jr. of Missouri and Roxi Wilson of Oskaloosa; eight grandchildren; siblings, Tim Shank of Deep River and Sheralyn Shank of Kellogg; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.