Michael A. Hicklin, 68, of Rose Hill and formerly of New Sharon, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016, at the Serenity House in Oskaloosa, surrounded by family.

A memorial gathering and military honors in celebration of his life and dedication will be held sometime in May at Union Mills Grave Site, New Sharon.

Michael was born on May 12, 1947, to James and Geraldine Hicklin in Oskaloosa. He grew up in Woodbine and went to school there. He joined the United States of America Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. After the war, Michael was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps and was united in marriage to Linda Sue Steel Mann of New Sharon, and formerly of Woodbine, for 25 years.

He moved his family, which included two sons, to New Sharon and was employed by the city of New Sharon for several years. He also worked for Gary Junkins trucking of Oskaloosa before his retirement. He later moved to Rose Hill and remarried, living there with his wife of more than 15 years, Sherrin.

He remained a loyal Marine and had been a member of the American Legion. He was also very active in the Rose Hill community and church. He enjoyed woodworking and building things; outdoor recreation such as camping and fishing; and traveling with his wife to visit family.

Michael is survived by his wife, Sherrin Hicklin of Rose Hill; two sons, James M. Hicklin of Grinnell, and Aaron A. Hicklin of New Sharon; and one daughter, Aylin Kostelnick of El Paso, Ill.; six grandchildren; two brothers, Larry Hicklin of Schleswig, and Sam Hicklin of Hampton; three sisters, Gloria Hollander of Denison, Delores Pauley of Panama, Iowa, and Myra Kegner of Woodbine; and other relations.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents and three grandchildren.