Don J. Danks
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Don J. Danks, 71, of Newton, died on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 12, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory. The family greeted friends following the service with a coffee time at the funeral home. Memorials to the Kellogg Lions Club or the Kellogg Christian Church may be left at the funeral home.

Don, the son of Jack and Beatrice "Peggy" Danks, was born on December 19, 1944, in Long Beach, California. He lived most all his life in Kellogg, Iowa, and graduated from Newton Senior High School in 1963. On June 13, 1964, Don was united in marriage with JoAnn Danks in Marshalltown. In 1987, Don received his computer tech degree. He worked in the factory at Donaldson's and after receiving his degree became a supervisor. Don later opened his own woodworking company called Rescue Me, retiring in September of 2011. He was a member of the Kellogg Historical Society. Don enjoyed woodworking, camping, fishing, family time, music, craft beer, and time with his friends, Jack and Howard. He also loved keeping a yard to be proud of.

Don is survived by his wife, JoAnn Danks of Kellogg; children, Scott (Nancy) Danks of Newton and Steve Danks of North English, Iowa; grandchildren, Kayla (Dominic) McNeely of Newton, Jordan and Zoie Danks of Newton, and Lybie Danks of North English; three great-grandchildren; his brother, Terry (Karla) Danks of Fort Byron, Illinois; and his four step-siblings. He is preceded in death by his parents; a step-father, Vern Danks; and a grandson, Jayden Danks.