Warren Ermol Faulkner

Warren Ermol Faulkner, 78, left us on April 18, 2016, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Warren was born May 15, 1937, in Independence, Iowa, to Ermol and Gladys Faulkner. He spent his childhood in Dubuque, and his family later moved to Newton where he graduated from Newton High School in 1955.

He joined the United States Navy right out of high school and spent 22 years as a Seabee. Warren earned two associate’s degrees: one in applied electronics and the other in air conditioning, refrigeration and heating. He also earned a bachelor’s degree in business management with a minor in East Asian studies. While in the Navy, Warren served two tours in Vietnam and was stationed in many foreign ports including Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, Portugal, China, Japan and South Korea where he met and married, Chung Cha Yi.

They were married on August 7, 1972, in a civil ceremony in Seoul, South Korea. From this union they had three children. Warren and his family moved to Le Grand after he retired from active duty. In 1979, Warren and his family moved to Grinnell where they opened the Village Laundromat. He also worked at the Tama County Juvenile Home for eight years before spending over 30 years working for the General Services Administration until he retired in 2015.

His interests included pheasant hunting, bass fishing, skeet shooting, wood working, bowling and a love of westerns. He spoke conversational Spanish and Korean.

Warren is survived by his wife, Chung; three daughters, Julie Hansen of Grinnell, Gladys (Kurt) Jacobsen of Salem, Oregon, and Sandra Faulkner of Grinnell; and three grandchildren, Ashley Hansen, Ethan Jacobsen and Isabel Jacobsen.

Visitation will be at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell on Friday, April 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. A private burial will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association.