CHARLES “CHUCK” WAKELEY


An open house was held Sept. 22, at the Malcom Auditorium with Pastor Craig Johnston, Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell, Harvest Baptist Church in Williamsburg or Malcom Veterans Memorial Fund.

Chuck was born July 20, 1951, in Grinnell, the son of John “Jack” and Anna Mae McNeal Wakeley. He lived in Fremont, for a few years and was reared in the Malcom area. He was a 1969 graduate of BGM High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Dec. 12, 1970, he was united in marriage with Judith Mae Van Wyngarden, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. While Chuck was serving in the Army, the couple lived in Virginia and after his discharge in 1973, they moved to Grinnell. In 1975, the couple moved to Malcom.

Chuck was employed for 20 years at the U.S. Post Office in Grinnell as a mail carrier, clerk and later as a supervisor. He was the Postmaster in Brooklyn for 15 years and retired in January of 2007.

He was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Judy of Malcom; his mother, Anna Mae of Malcom; two daughters, Wendy (Doug) Cornell of Malcom and Tammy Wakeley of Marengo; two grandchildren, Dalton and Paige Cornell of Malcom; six sisters, Janet (Richard) Kirby of Malcom, Linda (Butch) Grim of Bloomfield, Carol Graff of Brooklyn, Donna (Lynn) Baustian of Brooklyn, Sue (Sian) Altemeier of Newton and Julie (Rick) Scott of Hamlin; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Chuck Wakeley, 65, of Malcom, died September 17, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids.

An open house has been scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 22, at the Malcom Auditorium with Pastor Craig Johnston, Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell, speaking at 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell, Harvest Baptist Church in Williamsburg or the Malcom Veterans Memorial Fund.

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Chuck's focal points in life were his family and work; he knew the value of both. He was very fond of his two grandchildren and loved sharing his time with them. He enjoyed restoring several homes in Malcom and antiques. The Wakeley's owned and operated “Mansion Antiques” in Malcom.

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