Merlyn Vande Krol, 55, of Hudson passed away Jan. 31, 2006. Funeral services were held Feb. 3, at Bethany Bible Chapel in Cedar Falls. Memorials can be given to Gideon's, Black Hawk Unit of the American Red Cross or the family for use in publishing a tract that Merlyn has in print to be sent all over the world. Memorials can be sent to Karen Vande Krol, 7316 Hudson Hts., Hudson, IA 50643 or Milo Vande Krol, 1510 Pinnacle Place, Waterloo, IA 50701.

Merlyn was born July 11, 1950, in Oskaloosa, the son of Milo and Gladys (Veldhuizen) Vande Krol. He received his bachelor of arts degree from William Penn University in social science. On March 30, 1980, he was united in marriage to Karen Turner in Austin, Texas. He served as general manager at Oster Communications from 1980-2004.

Merlyn is survived by his wife, Karen of Hudson; two sons, Kevin and Joel, both of Hudson; parents, Milo and Gladys Vande Krol of Waterloo; and two sisters, Gloria (Dave) Smith of Hudson and LaVonne (Jon) Mendenhall of Brookfield, MO.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.