La Vone Rauch
May 17, 9135 - May 14, 2018

La Vone Rauch, 82 of New Sharon passed away May 14, at Crystal Heights Care Center, Oskaloosa. Service was held May 17 at West Liberty Church of Christ west of Monona. Burial was in West Liberty Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Nicole Olson, Jason Olson, Nathan Rauch, Lucas Rauch, Drew Rauch, Jason Rauch, Davey Richards, Eric Richards and Aaron Patterson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the West Liberty Church of Christ or the West Liberty Cemetery Fund.

La Vone Eldon Rauch, the son of Henry and Laura (Meyer) Rauch, was born May 17, 1935 east of Deep River. He attended St. John’s Lutheran School near Vaco, before attending Deep River School.

June 28, 1959, La Vone was united in marriage to Zelma Buncher at the Assembly of God Church in New Sharon. To this union two sons were born, Jeff and Darin.

He worked as a mechanic at Merri- go Motors and Imperial Gas Station in Ladona before farming for Warren Fish near Deep River. La Vone was also a farmhand in Tama and Fremont for several years before moving to New Sharon in 1973.

After moving to New Sharon, La Vone worked for Van Gorp Corp., where he retired in 2002. He enjoyed restoring and tinkering with old cars. He also enjoyed going to the races, very seldom missing a race at the Oskaloosa Speedway.

La Vone loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was an active member of the West Liberty Church of Christ and looked forward to Sunday worship.

His memory will be honored by his wife of 59 years, Zelma Rauch of New Sharon; his two sons, Jeff (Aleta) Rauch of Pella and Darin (Cindy) Rauch of Fremont; 11 grandchildren, Nicholas (Jason) Olson, Nathan (Grace) Rauch, Lucas (Angela) Rauch, Drew (Shelby) Rauch, Jason (Kelly) Rauch, David (Amanda) Richards, Eric Richards, Joel (Melina) Phillips, Justin Enderes, Wade (Lay) Enderes and Sean Enderes; 12 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Jadon, Sydney, Sophia, Cecilia, Ains, Kiana, Abby, Maxon, Natalie, Clayton and Taylor; a great-grand-daughter, Kinlee; and two brothers, Robert "Bob" (Peylin) Rauch and twin brother La Vern (Vi- ene) Rauch of Monona and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

La Vone was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Carolyn Gier.